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FOWNHOPE CHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE

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Duwa bortha y brain



The Lower House.

Notes on Families in
Fownhope Herefordshire
and other places
Named Gwathkin.

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“ C’est ici l’image de ce qui dure. Le culte des morts, c’est le sens
“ de notre destinée immortelle. Qu’est-ce que la vie d’un homme,
“ qu’est ce que ma vie si le passé et l’avenir ne leur donnaient leur
“ véritable sens? Tu l’avais l’oublié lorsque tu poursuivis ton destin
“ individuel. Il n’y a pas de beau destin individuel et il n’est de
“ grandeur qui dans la servitude. On sert sa famille, sa patrie, Dieu,
“ l’art, la Science, un idéal. Honte à qui ne sert que soi-même! Sois,
“ tu trouvais ton appui en nous, mais aussi la dépendance. L’honneur
“ de l’homme est d’accepter sa subordination.”

Les Roquevillard—par HENRY BORDEAUX.

PREFACE

Some say one's parentage does not matter. Sometimes perhaps they are not living up to the standard their ancestors set before them and have got enough conscience left to speak to them about it. Others, when they arrive at what the world may consider a good position, may be inclined to make out that their ancestors were much more important than they really were.

Is it not better "to examine well one's blood," so that misplaced pride, vain pretence and hereditary failings may be avoided? and so learn that one family is not much better or worse than another, for the "bad penny" turns up in every Family history sooner or later as inevitably as the family genius.

It was hoped that when this account was begun it would prove the relationship between two or three different families of GWATKIN. It seems probable that the GWATKINS of Pencoyd are the forbears of that line which we call the "Reynolds" GWATKINS (owing to one of them having married Theophila PALMER, niece to Sir Joshua REYNOLDS). But the link which connects the two lines is not found, neither are those which would prove the connections with the lines we call the "Twickenham" GWATKINS and the "Brighton" GWATKINS.

Another question it was hoped would be answered was as to whether Thomas GWATKIN, who married firstly, Rebecca SEWARD, and secondly "Margaret," had any children by "Margaret"; but this question has gained no reply.

In a letter, dated December 6th, 1829, Mrs Jane GWATKIN says to her son, the Rev^d Richard GWATKIN, "If you pass through Oxford perhaps you will call on Mr 'Nevil' GWATKIN"; but his identity has not been revealed.

In another letter, dated 1821, to her son, Mrs Jane mentions "Mistress MAYO." My Father once told me that "Madam" MAYO's maiden name was GWATKIN; he thought she was related. In the will of John GWATKIN of Bridstow, dated 25 Nov., 1774, page 51, we find he had a brother-in-law, Thomas MAYO; but there is nothing to prove that he was related to the Fownhope line. The names James and Charles appearing in the pedigree of the American GWATKINS make me wonder whether they are anything to do with those of Sellack.

My Father once told me that there was a tradition that the GWATKINS were descended from "Davy GAM." This person, after a life of "violence and rapine," disgraced even more by his attempt to assassinate his father-in-law, Owen GLENDOWER (GLYN DWR), was one of the three—the other two being Sir Roger VAUGHAN and Sir Walter LLOYD—who were knighted on the field of Agincourt, having given

their lives to defend the person of Henry V. "David ap LLEWELYN, generally called David GAM . . . was fourth in descent from Einion SAIS" (*Gentleman's Magazine Library—Topography*, "Monmouth," part II; pp. 201, 204; Vol. VII, p. 293) and connected in some way with the princely house of Powis. If there is any truth in this tradition the connection with David GAM (squint eye) is probably through some maternal line—perhaps a HAVARD.

No name has been put down in this account unless some evidence of its bearer can be produced, and for this I have to thank my Father for permitting me to look through the family papers and getting books on Herefordshire for me to search in.

If Mr. J. C. BULL had not introduced me to the Society of Genealogists I should not have had the kind help the Rev^d. T. C. DALE and Mr. A. J. G. BRYANT have given me, nor yet Mr. George SHERWOOD's most useful assistance.

Miss Fanny Lucretia WALE, who so generously did the illustrations for me, also encouraged me to stick to my purpose in writing out the account of my family—that Family which my Mother tried to teach us never to disgrace.

THE SILURES.

My Father once told me that we were ancient British so far as race was concerned.

In Richard BLOME's *Britannia* (1673), it says of Herefordshire that "Its ancient Inhabitants were the Silures, a stout and warlike people, who sorely perplexed the Romans for nine years space, through the noble valour and exploits of their commander CARACTACUS."

One day I was reading in one of the magazines, I forget which, a piece entitled "The Spanish People." It said they were "the connecting link between Asia and Europe," and "could best claim to represent the primitive European stock"; that they were "serious yet cheerful, warlike, though according a high place to woman, extremely independent and preferring to live in small clannish, closely knit communities, jealous and hostile toward other social units. They constitute an admirable human material, though one that is peculiarly difficult to tame to the ends of civilization." It is said that this Berber or Iberian race spread through Spain, where they are still represented by the Basques, and across France, where they are represented perhaps by the Auvergnats and Bretons, and then on to Cornwall and the southern parts of Herefordshire and Wales, where the Romans found them as "Silures." Duncumb describes the Silurians as "Longheaded generally, dark, curly hair." He says they are "still savage, have a childlike simplicity, intensity of feelings, hardness and austerity, combined with disdain for the superfluous, love of idleness tempered

by the aptitude for violent activity, indifference to persons and things outside the circle of their own sphere of life." Duncumb quotes Tacitus, who gives an account of the difficulty the Romans had in subduing this people.

When my second brother went to the Pyrenees for his honeymoon he told me the people kept asking if he was a Spaniard.

I have noticed the peculiar type of the people who have come from Herefordshire and those parts—VAUGHANS, PHILPOTTS, MAYOS and GWATKINS—to mention a few—they are all alike.

I think my Father must have been right when I read the characters given to this people—"savage and unsociable," "serious yet cheerful."

E. M. G.

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The Gwatkins of Herefordshire.

Earlier Gwatkins.

I begin with some evidences of early GWATKINS whose connecting links are not yet apparent.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 1 ALENGER.
(Abstract of Will. Latin.)

1539, December 9.

In dei nomine, Amen. I, Thomas ap GWATKYN, whole of mind, &c. My body to be buried in the church of St. Edmund de Coughoell [Crickhowel, Brecon]. I give to the cathedral church of St. David's iij^d. To the parish church of Llangadog for tithes forgotten xij^d. To the church "divi Kadoci" x^s. I give to Helene verch JOHN my wife a third part of all my moveable goods. The rest of all my goods, moveable and immovable I give to Owen Thomas ap GWATKYN and Meredith ap THOMAS and Watkyn ap THOMAS my sons, whom I make executors. I make Morgan LLOYD, rector of Llanwenarthe, supervisor. Witnesses, Sir Hugh ap MEREDITH, rector of Crughoell, Sir John ap GRIFFITH, "stipendo" of Llangattog, with many others.

Proved at Gloucester —, 1539, by Owen Thomas ap GWATKYN and Meredith ap Thomas ap GWATKYNE, executors.

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, SERIES II. 119/67.

MORGAN *v.* GWATKYN.
(Abstract.)

c. 1558-1579.

Humbly complayingn, &c., your poor orator Henry MORGAN. That whereas one James GUNTER Esq., being seised of one messuage with appurtenances scituate in the town of Abergavenny, co. Monmouth, and so being seised in consideration of sundry sums of money to him paid by one Morgan LLOYD, clerk, at the request of said LLOYD —years now past did thereof enfeoffe one Owen Thomas ap GWATKYN to the use of said LLOYD by force whereof the said GWATKYN was thereof seised in his demesne to the use of the said LLOYD who took the profits thereof during his lifetime and about twelve years last past made his will and by the same did bequeath the same house and tenement to your orator and shortly after died of the same tenement seised. After whose death the said GWATKYN in whose hands and cus-

today the deed of feoffment of said tenement came as aforesaid synysterly practyses with one William WATKINS into whose hands the evidences have casually come. May it therefor please yor good lordship to grant unto your orator a writ of subpœna to be directed against said Thomas ap GWATKYN and William WATKINS, &c.

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, SERIES II. 120/40.

MORGAN *v.* GWATKYN.

(Abstract.)

c. 1558-1579.

Humbly complayning, &c., your dayly orator Henry MORGAN of London, aged 22 or thereabouts. That whereas one Sir Morgan LLOYD, late of Llanwenarth, co. Monmouth, clerk, deceased, and father of your orator, about nine years last past made his last will appointing three executors Owen Thomas ap GWATKYN, Thomas ap MORGAN and Walter ap MORGAN and the said Sir Morgan LLOYD commanded them to pay your orator xl^{li} that is to say at every feast of St. Michael the Archangell after his decease iiij^{li} until the sum be fully consumed and afterwards the said Sir Morgan died leaving sufficient goods to pay the said xl^{li}. So it is that the said executors now refuse to pay the iiij^{li} yearly contrary to all good conscience. May it therefor please your lordship to grant a writ of subpœna to be directed unto the said Owen Thomas ap GWATKYN, Thomas ap MORGAN and William ap MORGAN.

The Answer of Water ap MORGAN to the Bill of Complaint of Henry MORGAN.

He saith that the said Sir Morgan LLOYD was seized of lands in Llanwenarth and Burgeney both in co. Monmouth, called Lanlase and Gurlodvawr and being so seized did by his will bequeath to the complainant an annuity or yearly rent of iiij^{li} out of the said lands and about nine or ten years last past died after whose death Thomas ap MORGAN (*sic*) mother of the executors named in said will having or occupying the said meadow hath continually paid the complainant the said sum, &c.

The Replication of Henry MORGAN to the Answer of William MORGAN follows. (No further information.)

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

Original Will. (Abstract.)

1562, August 8.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Jhone ap GWATKYN, otherwise

called Jhone HOPER of the p̄ishe of Bradwardine, co. Hereford, yeoman. I geve to Katerin my wife all my goodes and catayles moveable and unmoveable to finde my chylderen to pay my debts and to bringe me honestly home upone yearthe w^{ch} sayed Katerin and Alis my daughter I ordeyne and make my hole executors of this my testament and Last Will. These beinge wittnes Richarde BROWNE, clarke, vicare of Bradwarden, S^r Miles JENKINS wth others.

(No date of probate.)

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 3 ALEN.

(Abstract of Will.)

1540, February 12.

In the name of God, Amen. I, James ap GWATKIN, hole of mynde, &c. To be buried in the churche or chauncell of Llanthewy Rythergh, [Monmouth], four and twenty prestes to be at Llandewy to saye masse and praye for my soule and all Cristen soules the day of my buringe with foure and twentie tapers burninge in the honor of almyghtie god. [Bequests to cathedral churche of Landaf, church, bells, &c.] To Sir Hugh ap HOWELL, preste of Lantheseringe and to David ap John JANKEN all my houses, &c., in the town of Kaer Lyon. To Margaret verch JAMES my duaghter xxvj^{li} 13s. 4d. at the age of fiftene yeres. To Elizabeth my daughter xxvj^{li} 13s. 4d. at the age of fyftene yeres. And to Marye verch JAMES my daughter xxvj^{li} 13s. 4d. at the age of fyftene yeres. Whereas Jane my wyff is with childe. To John my yongest sonne in wedlock all myne indenture helde within the more and the lordshipe of Kyerlien. To William JAMES my bastard sonne fyve pounds, &c. To John JAMES my bastard sonne my leases of Fostchipe otherwise called Pencoydurs office and a colt which I bought of Howell ap THOMAS. To the said John JAMES all my lands in Lantheseringe and Langottoge. To Waillyon verch JAMES my bastard daughter eight poundes. To Alice my bastard daughter eight poundes. To Isabell my bastard daughter eight poundes. To Phe LLNS, Will'm Ross, Richarde ap HOWELL, Will'm DAVID, Johan WILLM, bullocks, &c. The residue to the disposiçon of Sir Hughe ap HOWELL and Davyd ap JOHN, executors.

Witnesses, Mr. Llus John THOMAS of Bergeveny, Sir Morgan LLOYD, parson of Lanwenorthe, Sir John ap HOWELL, vicar of Llandewy, Davyd William MORGAN, John GRIFFITHE, John SMYTHE.

Proved 6 February 1545, by Hugh RAWLYNS, clerk, proctor for John ap WATKYN, an executor; power reserved for the other executor.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 30 WRASTLEY.

(Abstract of Will.)

1557, July 14.

In the name of God, Amen. I, David ap GWATKYN of the parish of Garwaye, co. Hereford. . . . My body to be buryed in the parishe church of Garwaye at the discession of Thomas WATKYN my brother and Richard LEWYS of Skenfrith my brother in law whom I make my executors. (Bequests to church, &c.) I give to Watkyn THOMAS of Skenfrith my father one burgage, &c., in the towne of Uske, co. Monmouth, remainder after his decease to Anne verch JENKYN and Cycyll verch JENKYN the naturall daughters of Jenkyn WATKYN my brother deceased and to David ap JENKYN the base sonne of the said Jenkyn, to have, &c., to them and to Margaret verch JENKYN their heirs and assigns for ever, paying to Isabell verch JENKYN another base daughter of the said Jenkyn WATKYN 26s. 8d. Executors to offer premises in Garwaye to Mr. Thomas WYNSTON of Treyago, Esquire. To William phut WILLYE fyve markes, and to his base sonne William one lambe of the best that I have. To Hugh HOTHENY of Garwaye one kowe, &c. To Katheryn my suster one panne price ij^s. viij^d. To Mawde verch John my nese one hayffer, &c. To James PHOT of Saynt Moughn one cote cloth. To Jeñn PHOT all my otes, &c. To John ap John Davyd WYLLYE of Saynt Moughn xx^s. To his son James, to John James DAVY, to Joan verch Philipp ap JENN, to William Phe JENN, to Gwenllyan my servant (sundi y bequests).

Witnesses, Sir Davyd JENKYN, clerk, curate of Garwaye, Meredyth ap THOMAS of Skenfirth.

Debtes to be payd. To the abovenamed Anne and Cycill the daughters of Jenkyn my brother deceased lv^s. ij^d. To Margaret verch WILLIAM xxvj^s. viij^d. To Dythegy the wif of Reynald David VACOR vj^s. viij^d. To William Phipe ap JEVAN vj^s. viij^d. To Gwenllyan my servante xx^d. To Hugh HOTHANY and to Thomason HOTHENY vj^s.

Debtes to be levyed. Imprimis Will'm Thomas SYCYLL oweth unto me iij^s. iiij^d. Item Gryffith de le Koyed BYGHAN oweth unto me v^s.

Item, Morgan LAWRENCE of Skenfrith oweth unto me xij^s. iiij^d.

Item, Richard LYNCKE oweth unto me v^s.

Proved at London 19 August 1557 by Robert ap WATKYNs, proctor for Thomas WATKYN and Richard LEWYS, the executors named.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 15 PETER.

(Abstract of Will.)

1573, April 22. T. Watkyn John ap GWATKYN.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Watkin John App GWATKINE of the

parrishe of Strapoll in the dioc. of Sainte Davys [Stockpole, Pembroke] sicke in my boddeye but hoale of minde. . . . My body to be buried in the grave or sepulcre of John WATKYNs my father wthin the parishe church of Ewas Harolde. Item I do gyve unto George WATKYNs my sonne and Margaret WATKYNs my daughter the one half of all my goods. . . . My lands, &c., in the Countie of Penbroke . . . grayne and corne, lambes, oxen, yearlinge beastes . . . the other half unto Margery WATKYNs my wife. I give all my tittle in my myll unto my sonne George and my wife Margery. Unto Harry John ap WATKYN of Ewas Harolde my brother and John ap JOHN of the said parishe my servaunt vjth xiiij^s iiij^d. Unto Gwenlyan BASKERVILL my sister my best cloke. Unto my cosen William MORGAN my best shirte and my russet cloke. Unto John ABRAHALL my nephewe my hosen, my doublet, &c. Unto George my sonne all such advauntage as may be recovered against James BAROTT of Tymbe, gentleman, touching such bandes as he ensealed unto one David CAROLD, clerke, the evidences, etc. Unto Francis WILLIAMS my best cap, etc. My said sonne George and wife Margery executors. Witnesses being presente at Ewas Harold at the making hereof, John GWATKIN, William MORGAN, John ap JOHN, Rosse ABRAHALL, Will^m John RICE, William ABRAHALL, and Philippe JOHNS, clarke, vicar of Ewas Harold.

Proved at London 29 April 1573, by George WATKYNs, personally present, and Margaret the relict, in the person of Ralph BROWNE, notary-public, proctor for the executor named.

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, SERIES II. 38/41.

CYCYLL *v.* GWATKYN.

(Abstract.)

c. 1558-1579.

Humbly complayning, &c., your oratrix Alis CYCYLL of —, co. Lincoln. That whereas your oratrix is lawfully seased of one tenement and divers lands thereunto belonging lying in the parish of Llanbedr-Istradwy, co. Brecon, of the gift of one John ap GRIFF deceased and so seased hath quietly taken the profits and issues thereof by the space of ten years last past. So it is that sundry deeds belonging to the premises have casually got into the hands and possession of one Lewis John ap GWATKYN of Llanbedr-Istradwy aforesaid and William MORGAN of Llanvihangel, co. Monmouth, who by means of having thereof do enjoy the estate to the utter disinheriting of your poor oratrix for ever. Prays for a writ of subpœna to be directed to said Lewis John ap GWATKYN and William MORGAN, &c.

The Answers of Lewis John ap GWATKYN and William MORGAN to

the Bill of Complaint of Alis CYCYLL, complainant. The defendants say that the charges in the said bill contained are insufficient in the law to be answered to and that they are devysed and imagyned only out of mere malyce. The said Lewis John ap GWATKYN for his part saith that he and divers his ancestors whose estate he nowe hath byn longe tyme lawfully seysed in his and their demesne as of fee of and in one messuage and three pcells of land conteynyn by estimacōn one hundred acres of medowe and pasture called by the severall names of the land of Eva ap Jenn' ap Grono Penheverow and Penlloyne Jenn' Sayes lying in Llanbedr-Istradwy aforesaid and which he the said Lewis and they his ancestors have quietly enjoyed and as to any other lands in Llanbedr-Istradwy other than before expressed disclaym to have any right in same and deny the coming of any other evidences into their hands. Pray to be dismissed.

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, SERIES II. 72/9.

GWATKIN *v.* WILLIAM.

(Abstract.)

c. 1558-1579.

Humbly compleyneth, &c., your dayly orator Howell ap GWATKIN of Penhedell, co. Monmouth. That whereas one Watkyn ap David GWATKYN your orator's father was in his lifetime seised of and in the yard of Penhedell in his demesne as of fee and so beyng thereof seasyd about xij yeres lost past dyed thereof seised after whose death the premises descended and came unto your orator as son and heir of his said father. That since the death of the father of your orator divers deeds, &c., belonging to the premises have casually come into the hands of one James ap Powell WILLIAM and Phelip HOPPER who hath been requyred by your said orator the delivery of said evidences which they refuse to do. May it please your Lordship to grant a writ of subpœna to be directed unto the said defendants, &c.

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, SERIES II. 103/45.

JEVAN *v.* GWATKIN.

(Abstract.)

A.D. 1563. [Writ dated 11 December, 6 Elizabeth.]

Watkyn Welyn David ap JEVAN executor of the will of Thomas Llewellyn ap JEVAN of Langeynen, co. Brecon, and Richard THOMAS a pore enfante of tendre yeres sonne and heire of the same Thomas Llewellyn ap JEVAN, complain that whereas the said Thomas was seized in fee of two messuages, &c., in Langeyne, co. Brecon, by mortgage of

one John Griffith Phelipp GWATKIN and Thomas Phelipp LLEWELLYN the said Thomas Llewellyn ap EVAN died seized since whose death the said John Griffith Phelipp GWATKIN and Thomas Phelipp LLEWELLYN have entered into the same and wrongfully expelled the said Richard THOMAS and have gotten into their handes the dedes of mortgage. That the said John Griffith Phelipp GWATKIN and Thomas Phelipp LLEWELLYN are men of greate welthe and substance gretly frinded and allyed in those parts so that yo' pore orators are sure to have no indifferent trial therein. Pray writ of subpœna.

The defendant John Griffith Phelipp GWATKIN answers and says that Gryffith Phelipp GWATKYN, father of this defendant, was lawfully seized of the premises and about xxviij yeres past gave the same to this defendant and Margaret verch Rosser his wife to have, &c., to them and their heirs, &c. Answer sent from Crickhowell, co. Brecon, 16 January, 7 Elizabeth.

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, SERIES II. 74/43.

GWATKIN *v.* JAMES.

(Abstract.)

1564, November 20.

Humbly complayning, &c., your dayly orator Jamys David GWATKIN That whereas David GWATKIN was lawfullie seised of viij acres of land lying in Grossmonde, co. Monmouth, and being thereof seised died, after which the premises descended unto your orator as son and heir of said David. So it is that sundry deeds, &c., concerning the said premises are casually come to the hands and possession of one Hoell JAMYS who hath entered into the said premises and hath taken the profits thereof sithence the death of said David and doth refuse to deliver the said evidences of your orator. May it therefor please your lordship to grant a writ of subpœna to be directed to the said Hoell JAMYS, &c.

The Answer of Hoell JAMES. The said defendant says the bill is untrew and unsufficient in the law. Prays to be remytted with his reasonable costs and if he shall be compelled to make further answer thereunto sayeth that one James ap DAVID this defendant's father was lawfully seised of one messuage and xl acres of land lying in Grusse-mont whereof the viij acres which the plaintiff in the bill demandeth is pcell as this defendant supposeth. And so being thereof seised about thirty years last past of the same estate died thereof seised after whose death the said messuages, &c., descended and came as of right to this defendant as son and heir, &c.

The Replication of George JAMES, Esq., (*sic*) and Johan his wife,

complainants, to the Answer of Thomas John GWATKYN follows. Refers to "Sir Charles HERBERT, mentioned in the said Bill," apparently nothing to do with the preceding Bill and Answer. (Gives no information.)

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, SERIES II. 133/36.

NANFAN *v.* GWATKYN.

(Abstract.)

A.D. 1566. (Writ dated 2 July, 8 Elizabeth.)

Humbly complayning, &c., your dayly orator William NANFAN Esq. That whereas — AYSHE Esq., deceased, was lawfully seised of one messuage and lands known by the name of Ayshe Rowghe containing 200 acres lying in Bridstowe, co. Hereford, and so being seised about xl years last past did demise and grant the same by Indenture of lease to James BENNETT, deceased, who entered into the said premises and was thereof possessed accordingly. And so being thereof possessed made his last will and testament constituting his then wife Elizabeth his executrix and so died after whose death the said Elizabeth did prove the said last will and did take upon her administration of the goods of the deceased James BENNETT and accordingly entered into the premises and so being possessed did take to hosbonde one Edmond TAYLOR, deceased. And about one year last past the said Elizabeth did convey and assign the said estate to your orator as also the said Indenture of lease. But so it is the said Indenture has casually come into the custody and possession of one John AGWATKYN, gent., who has wrongfully expulsed your said orator from the possession of said premises and although your orator hath requested the said John AGWATKYN to deliver up the said Indenture and remove from possession of the premises yet he refuses so to do. Prays a writ of subpœna to be directed to said John AGWATKYN.

[Answer for the most part illegible]. The defendant prays to be dismissed with his reasonable costs and charges.

The Gwatkins of Fownhope

Having disposed of the sporadic and, as yet, unconnected early possessors of our name, I proceed to the evidences of the branch of the family of which I know most, my own. The pedigree chart at the end of the book summarizes the principal facts, dates, and family connections.

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BAPTISMS.

1562. July 21. Elizabetha filia Willmi HAVARDE.
1584. . . . Johes filius Johis GWATKIN.

MARRIAGES.

1583. Nov. 18. Inter Johem GWATKYN et Elizabetha HAVARDE.
1585. Nov. 7. Inter Nichalau ADDYS et Elizabetha GWATKIN.

BAPTISMS.

1612. Elizabetha filia Johannis GWATKYN. Nov. 29.
1614. Richardus filius " " . May 25.
1615. Maria filia " " . Nov. 28.
1616. " " " " . Feb. 27.
16 " " " " .
1619. Willimus filius " " . Sept. 26.
1621. Arthur " " " . Oct. 14.
1623. Anna filia " " . August 9.

BURIALS.

1621. May 12. William HAVARD.
1642. Aug. 8. Martha filia Thome GWATKIN sepul.
1644. Nov. 15. Elizabetha uxor Tho. GWATKIN. sepulta fuit.
1652. Feb. 3. Thomas GWATKIN infans sepult.
1653. June 30. Jacobus GWATKIN infans sepult.
1655. Sep. 22. Joannes GWATKIN infans.
1665. Dec. 23rd. Elizabeth the wife of John GWATKIN was buried &c.

MARRIAGES.

1618. Feb. 2nd Inter Jacobum MERICKE et Joannem GWATKINS.
1654. July 18. Inter Abrahamu SEWARD & Eliza: PHILPOTTS viduam.

A Register of the names of them that . . .
to the seats as followeth

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- the 3rd Jo: GWATKIN. will Vernoll for Mrs CARWARDINE and Tho.
DOWDING.
the 4th Jo. GWATKIN for Bylieffes Rich^r HOMES Thos B . . . Thomas
PHILLIPS.

1621. Ro: GREGORY vič. Jno ADDICE. Johis GWATKIN—gard:
1623. Ro: GREGORY vič. 1623. Jo GWATKIN et Willmus SHEFFLD.
gard:

EXTRACTS SENT BY MR. J. WORMINGTON, 1870.

1679. May 17. Frances the daughter of Arthur GWATKIN was buried.
Aug. 18. Syble^{sic} wife of Francis GWATKIN was buried.
1681. May 21. Francis the son of Francis GWATKIN and Susannah
his wife.
Nov. 14. Arthur GWATKIN was buried.
1688. May 28. Thomas GWATKIN sen^r was buried.
1690. Jan. 21. Catherine GWATKIN " "
1697. Ap. 11. Francis " "
1702. June 2. Thomas GWATKIN Sen^r " "
1707. Sep. 4. Mary GWATKIN widow " "
1712. Nov. 30. Francis son of Francis GWATKIN by Eleanor his wife
was buried.
1715. Dec. 5. Rebecca the wife of Thomas GWATKIN was buried.
1728. Dec. 28. Mary GWATKIN was buried.
1750. Aug. 31. Thomas GWATKIN Jn^r " "
1762. Dec. 6. Thomas GWATKIN & his wife Margaret were buried.
1774. Aug. 14. John GWATKIN J^{nr} was buried.

BAPTISMS.

1728. March. Thomas son of Thomas GWATKIN and Elizabeth his
wife. [But see later list.]
1749. Sept. 2nd. Richard and John sons of Mr. Thomas GWATKIN and
Rebecca his wife.

In the earlier date Thomas GWATKIN is Churchwarden.

The present (1914) Vicar of Fownhope sent extracts from
1582-1762 in which all the foregoing Register entries are
mentioned except a few. He also gives the information "No
entry of Baptisms between 1623 and 1675." He gives—

BAPTISMS.

- Sept. 18 1680. Francis son of Francis & Sussana GWATKIN.
Mar. 15 1681. Thomas son of Thomas GWATKIN J^r.
Apr. 25 1686. Elizabeth daughter of Thomas GWATKIN and Mary
his wife.

- Sept. 29 1691. Ann daughter of Thomas and Mary GWATKIN.
 June 25 1710. Thomas son of Thomas GWATKIN & Rebecca his wife.
 Oct. 4 1711. Rebecca daughter of Thomas GWATKIN & Rebecca
 his wife.
 Dec. 30 1712. Richard son of Thomas & Rebecca GWATKIN.
 Sept. 12 1715. John son of Thomas & Rebecca GWATKIN.

BURIALS.

In this list Nov. 4 and not 14 is given as the date of Arthur GWATKIN's burial 1681, and Catherine GWATKIN 21 Jan. 1691 in this list is stated "widow."

Feb. 1 1714. Francis GWATKIN—is added.

MARRIAGES.

May 26 1709. Thomas GWATKIN & Rebecca SEWARD were married by Licence.

BAPTISMS.

Apr. 11 1726. John, son of John & Elizabeth GWATKIN.

In this list the entry for March 1729 is given thus:—

March. 1729. Thomas son of John & Elizabeth GWATKIN.

Extract from *The Wye Tour* by the editor of the *Ross Gazette*, p. 99, Memoir of John KYRLE, "the man of Ross."

. . . William CURL, son of the above-named Robert, . . . took up his residence at the Hulle, and from him descended a numerous progeny— . . . some of the sons and their heirs (intermarrying) with the families of the ABRAHALLS, the GWATKINS, the AYLESBURYS of Much Marcle, the SCUDAMORES, etc.

From COOKE's DUNCUMB's *Hereford*, 1882. III. 185: Pedigree of KYRLE of Walford Court:—

Wm. KYRLE second son of = . . . GWATKIN
 Thomas, who died 1563. }

Joan = John AYLEWAY.

This is an abstract of the will of the earliest progenitor of the GWATKINS of Fownhope that we can place with certainty:

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.
 P.C.C. 16 ARUNDELL.

1580, April 22. T. Joh' is a GWATKIN.

In Dei Nomine, Amen. I, John a GWATKIN of How Caple, co.

Hereford, beyng sycke in body and whole in mynde laud and prayse be to almyghtye God. . . . My bodye to be buryed in the parishe church of How Caple. Item I geve to Elizabeth my wyfe fortye poundes, all my household stuffs, iiij^{or} oxen and foure kye . . . my sylver salte and six sylver spoones and after her dayes to remayne to Willyam my sonne. Item I geve to Wyllyam my sonne fyfty three poundes six shillinges eighte pence. To John my sonne twentye poundes. To Rychard my sonne twentye poundes. To Margaret my daughter fortye poundes, my daughter Blanch £40, Thomas SHEPHARD 10/-, Syble ABAYTON two heiffers. To every one of Wilyam SERJAUNTS children that he hath by my daughter a yearlyng calfe. To Margarett ABRAHALL, Thomas BROWNE, John AGLLM of Fawley, gent., my brother's daughters (sundry small bequests). I make my executors Willyam a GWATKYN and John a GWATKYN my sonnes; my overseer John a GLLM, gentleman.

Debts owing from Thomas SHAYLE, S^r Thomas HULLYE, vycar of Upton Bysshop, Thomas MORTON, M^r Walter BASKERVILL of Pont-riles, Roger TANNER of Hereforde, Rychard BROMEAGE, Rychard ABRIDG, S^r John BADAM, Willyam PRYOR, Rowlande GRYFFITH, Robarte JAMES of Bromptons Busshe, Tefer EVEN, Rycharde DOBYNS, Robert WYLLYS of Woorceter, John CALDYCOTT of Kyngeslande, Rychard MAIO of Whiteokesende, Rychard WOODWARD of Woolehope, Willyam TOURNER of Hope Solers, John BENNETT of Over Rosse, John BENNETT of Wylton, Willyam YORCKE, John BARWELL, Rycharde KYTE, Thomas PEARCE of Walfoorde, RICE of Aysshe, Thomas LOVE of Moonesley, Rycharde AWOOD, Thomas GAMOND of Yatton, Thomas JENKYNs of Caple, John PHILLIPPS of Woorceter, Walter TURNER, John MAIO of Reddyng ende, Robert NORTON, Willyam TOWNSEND, John TOWNSENDE, Richard TAYLOR of Rosse, John BAKER, butcher, John DAVYES, Thomas HUCKS, and James CLAPTON.

Witnesses, John AGLLM of Fawley, gent., Thomas AGLLM, gent., Thomas MAIO, clerke, John CARYER and others.

Proved at London 9 May 1580, by the executors named.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 44 BRUDENELL.

(Abstract of Will.)

1548, March 3, 27 Elizabeth. T. Johannis GWATKIN.

In the name of god, amen. John GWATKYN of Fownehope, dioces of Hereford, being sicke in body . . . doe make and ordeigne this my last will. . . . Item I give to the reparacions of the parishe Church of Fownehope 3s. 4d., of Howe Caple 3s. 4d. To Elizabeth my wief fower oxen, sheepe, &c., all householde stuffs as beddinge, brasse,

pewter, pottes, pannes, sheetes, tableclothes and such lyke which William HAVARD my father in lawe gave unto mee at the tyme of my marriage . . . with my wief his daughter and then in the house of the said William HAVARD at Fownehope. . . . To my sister in lawes Anne HAVARD and Syble HAVARD fourtyshillinges apeece. To John GWATKYN my sonne £300 at twenty one, his minority to the government rule and orderinge of my lovinge brothers William GWATKYN and Richard GWATKYN whome I make my exequutors . . . to see him well and orderly brought upp in learninge. . . . Said son at the age of sixteene yeares to have £20 bestowed in cattell or sheepe or such lyke . . . The £15 that John KYDLEY shulde pay me for the debt of William HYLL. I give £3. 6s. 8d. to Johan HAVARD my mother in lawe. To Blanch GWATKYN my sister, to George ABRAHALL's eight children which he had by my sister Katherine, to William SARJAUNT's sixe children which he had by my sister Elizabeth (small bequests). My copyhold land in Fownehope of the surrender of William PERKYNs. . . . And where my brother William and I weare exequutors of the last will and testament of John GWATKYN of father . . . my brother William shall have the dealing thereof wholly to him self . . . discharging my brother Richard my other exequutor from the payment of any legacye or gift of money given by or father John GWATKYN deceased. . . . To my sister Blanch two oxen in the custody of William CHYNNER. To Robert THOMAS my godsonne 6s. 8d. To servaunts in my brother William's house, viz. John ap THOMAS, William HODGES, John GOUGHE, Elizabeth REES; to John HAVARD which dwelleth with my father in lawe, to Elnor YOUNGE my mayde servaunt, Thomas my servaunt, Alice ap POWELL a mayde servaunt with my father in lawe (small bequests). The rest of my goods to my brother William and Richard my exequutors. Thomas GLLM of Mouche Fawley and Richard Cocks of Lytle Fawley, gent., to be the overseers. This is John GWATKYNs marke.

Debts owing from Water TURNOUR, Richard CLARCKE, Abraham POWELL, gent., John ABRAHALL of Calberowe, gent., Thomas NYCHOLLS, gent., Richard BRIDGE, gent., James COLYER, William LOVELL, Robert RUSSELL, William HARDWYCK, William CHYNNER, Water CHYNNER, John NYCHOLLS, John TAYLOR, Johan AMYNDE, wydowe, Thomas ANDROWES, Richard SCUDAMORE, gent., Johan SCUDAMORE, William WEBBE, Walter MERCER, Robert TURNOR, Thomas KYFTE, George WYNGOD, John MUTLOWE, Thomas MAYHO, clerk, parson of Howe Caple, William LORYMER, John FREWYN, Gyles MASON, William CHYNNER, William HYLL, John a POWELL of Yatton, my brother Richard, John YOUNGE, Thomas Mayo and Roger MAYO, John CARYER.

Debtes which I John GWATKYN doe owe. To William PERKYNs, my

syster Blanche, William REES and William HAVARD my father in lawe (various small sums).

Witnesses, Richarde COCKES, Thomas GWYLL'M, William HAVARD, William GWATKYN, Richard GWATKYN.

Proved at London 20 October 1585, by Peter JOHNSON, notary public, proctor for the executors.

[The chapel in Fownehope church known as the "Chandos," or Collier chapel, is said to have been the burial place of the family.—E. M. G.]

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, CHARLES I. G. 16/46.

GWATKIN *v.* SARGEANT.

(Abstract.)

1641, February 14.

William GWATKIN of How Caple, co. Hereford, gent., and John WOOD of Brockhampton . . . complain that whereas the said William about September 1623 having intimate acquaintance with William SERGEANT of Upton Bishop, yeoman, [the said SERGEANT] desired to purchase of your orator GWATKIN one tenement and 24 acres of land in Weston, co. Hereford, who leased the same to him for £50 . . . your orator and Jane his wife conveyed estate in How Caple and Brockhampton, 26 December 1623. . . . The said SERGEANT expressing great love for your orator's children . . . your orator trusted to his fayre dealinge. . . . The said SERGEANT caused your orator to be sued and arrested upon one Bond of £80 . . . endeavours to utterly overthrowe your orator his wife and children. [Long account of monetary transactions]. Prays writ of subpœna.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD

ORIGINAL WILL.

No. 60.

(Abstract.)

1600, April 21.

Memorandum that Willyam GWATKIN of Hughe Caple *alias* Howecaple, co. Heref. . . . did make his last Will & testament Nuncupatyve by word of mowthe in effect as followeth First his will intent & meanyng was or ys that his detts paid the residowe or overplus thereof to be paid to Mary his wif & his children equallye the money he paid to M^r Thomas CESAR & to Master Robert WEBBE for certen land lyeing in Solerschope he did geve to his thre younger children & to the child that his wif goethe withall equally be-



INTERIOR OF FOWNHOPE CHURCH
Showing Chandos Chapel to left of Church, behind the Organ.
Painted by F. L. Hale, October, 1913.

twene them if the same may be had or gotten . . . And he did apoynte & make Mary his said wif his sole & only executrix and M^r Richard COXE of Lytle Fawley & M^r Thomas GWILLYM of Moche Fawley to be oversears hereof These being witnesses, Roger COXE, gent., Richard GWATKYN and George RUSSELL wth others.

Proved 13 June 1600 by the executrix named.

Inventory ccxxij^b xij^a iii^d.

[Proved at London 7 Oct. 1600, by M^r James IRELAND, notary public, proctor for Mary, the relict, P.C.C. 65 WALLOPP.]

The following documents are in possession of the Rev^d Thomas GWATKIN (1839-).

1616

Indenture dated 26 September 1616, between William SPARRY of Fownhope, in co. Hereford, yeoman, and John GWATKYN of the same parish and county, yeoman, and Elizabeth, his wife.

William SPARRY sells to John GWATKIN a messuage, garden, orchard, etc., in Fownhope, part of the land borders on land belonging to William HAVARD.

William SPARRY's wife's name is Katheryne.

The Indenture is signed by "John GWATKIN" and "E. G.," his wife Elizabeth, and witnessed by

Richard PIERCE

John WEAVER (his mark)

William VERNOLL (his mark)

Richard HOSKIN

Labelled. "26th September 14 Jas. 1st W^m. SPARRY's Deed of Settlement and feoffmt to John GWATKIN in"

1736.

This Indenture was made Sept: 10th, 10 Geo: II. Between Thomas GWATKIN the elder of the par: Fownhope in co. Hereford, gent., on the one part & Walter JAMES, of the parish of S. John the Baptist in the city of Hereford, Cordvizer (corviser = shoemaker) on the other part—

Thomas GWATKIN sells to Walter JAMES the messuage or tenement, etc., in Fownhope, formerly in possession of one William SPARRY, but now or late of said Thos GWATKIN; also land lying between lands of Scudamore LECHMEERE Esq^{re}., on the north and the lands of Francis HOLMES on the south

(Signed) Thomas GWATKIN

Sealed and delivered in presence of

R. E. (?) MORSE

Henry JONES.

10 Sept 1736

Outside is written

Mr Thos GWATKIN	}	Lease to ? Pofision ?
to		
Walter JAMES		

The Counterp't of Tho. JONES Lease of his house
Rent 15/-

1679.

Indenture dated 30th October, 31 Chas. II, A.D. 1679, between Thomas WILLIS of the University of Oxford, gent., on the one parte and Thomas JONES of Fownhope in Co. Hereford, cooper, and Joan his wife and Susan their daughter on the other parte.

Thomas WILLIS sells for £3 : 15 : 0 to Thomas JONES, Joan his wife and Susan their daughter. All that house or tenement, etc., for the term of 99 years

(Signed) Thomas JONES
Joane JOANES

Witnesses, Abr SEWARD
Isaac SEWARD.

The lease of D^r WILLIS farme Th^{os}. GWATKIN. Affignem^t of ye Lease of GREENE's Farm

1769.

Indenture dated 10 Dec., 31 Chas. II, Betweene Thomas WILLIS of the University of Oxford Esq., on the one parte, And Thomas GWATKYN the elder of Fownhope in C^o. Hereford. gent. on the other parte Witnesseth that the said Tho^s. WILLIS for £29 to him in hand paid by the said Thomas GWATKYN . . . demifed granted lett and to farme Sett, all that messuage etc., situate in Fownhope . . . heretofore in the tenure of John GREENE, inkeeper, & afterwards in the occupation of Edith GREENE his widdow.

Mentions lands of John HAVARD, Anne HAVARD, M^r LECHEMERE
(Signed) Thomas WILLIS
Witnesses

Abr. SEWARD
Isaac SEWARD
John PHILLPOTTS.

1681.

A document in Latin with memoranda in English (parchment eaten through in places).

Memorand that one pte of the chirograph of the above written fine and the deed to leade the uses thereof dated the twentieth day

of October One thousand six hundred and Eighty and one Sealed by all the pties to the said fine remains in the hands of S^r William GREGORY and the other p^{te} of the Chirograph of the said fine and the Deed to lead the uses thereof remains in the hands of John KIDLY the older of Fownhope in the county of Hereford, gent., for the benefit of themselves and the other parties in the said deed ed By which Deeds It is declared that as for and concerning those lands which Thomas GWATKIN the older in the county of Hereford, gent., purchased of John SCUDAMORE, father of Dorothy TAYLOR, pty to the said deeds & fine Shall be and goe to the use and behooffe of Thomas GWATKIN the younger and his heirs for ever.

Witnesse o^r hands this eight & twentieth day of December One thousand six hundred Eighty and one (Signed) W. GREGORY
John KYDLEY.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.
CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

Book 9. FOLIO 75.
(Abstract of Will.)

1687, November 26.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Thomas GWATKIN the Elder of Fownhope, co. Hereford, yeoman I give to the poore of Fownhope £5 to remain as a perpetuall stock for them. Also I give unto S^r William GREGORY, Kn^t, 20/- to buy him a ring. Unto John HEREFORD of Hom Lacy, gent., 20/- to buy him a ring. Unto my grandson Thomas GWATKIN my right in three acres of land lying in Lydmores field and one acre lying in the Low (exchang'd for one acre at Beggar's Stooles) by virtue of a lease or conveyance thereof made to mee by John SCUDAMORE gent., deceased. To my son Francis GWATKIN £30. And whereas I have taken security from my son Thomas GWATKIN the younger in the name of John HEREFORD and John KIDLEY the younger, gent., in trust for the payment of £100 unto my granddaughter Anne GWATKIN the sole daughter of my son John, deceased, at the age of 21 the said security being a surrender of his and my copyhold lands in the manor of Fownhope dated 11 April last. Now if it happen the said Anne die before the age of 21 the said £100 is to be equally divided between my two sons and daughter Thomas GWATKIN, Francis GWATKIN, and Margaret ELCOCK, and I make my said daughter guardian to my said grandchild, and I give her, Margaret, £10. To my nephew and godson Francis GWATKIN 10/- to buy him two sheep. My eldest son Thomas GWATKIN sole executor, to whom all the rest of my goods, etc., except those in the Parlour, the Dower House and Mill House.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) Tho. GWATKIN.

Witnesses, William HAVARD, George JONES, James ADDIS.

Proved at Hereford 10 November 1688, by the executor named.

[A probate copy of this will is in possession of the Rev^d. Thomas GWATKIN (1839-). "Gwatkin land" is in the fields mentioned above.]

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY
CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD
ORIGINAL WILL
(Abstract.)

1696, January 4.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Francis GWATKIN, the elder, of Fownhope, co. Hereford, yeoman. I give unto Susanna my wife and Francis GWATKIN my son all that tenement or dwelling house, &c., called Hennans House with the garden, orchard, etc., adjoining called Mowchers Perry Tree and a half acre lying in Lidmore's feild neare the said Perry Tree, all in the parish of Fownhope. Said Francis under 21. Said premises in reversion for default of issue of said Francis, to my brother in law Thomas LANWARNE. To my said wife Susanna my messuage, &c., lying near Fownhopes Mill w^{ch} I hold by lease from Sir Nicholas LECHMERE, k^t. To said son Francis £100. The residue to my wife Susanna, sole executrix.

In witness whereof, &c.

The mark of Francis GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Tho. MANFIELD, sen^r, Thomas MANFIELD, jun^r, Fra. WOODHOUSE.

Proved at Hereford 1 May 1697, by the executrix named.

*Francis GWATKIN's heirs and Arthur GWATKIN's heirs. An abstract of M^r. HARRIS and his wife's title to the land they have agreed to sell to m^r lying in the parish of ffownhope in the County of Hereford **

1st Oct. 1660.

Indenture of Lease between John SCUDAMORE and Arthur GWATKIN whereby the said John SCUDAMORE, in Consideration of Five Pounds demises to Arthur GWATKIN all that two acres of arable land in Lidmere field called by the name of the two Acres called Murthers perry and then growing upon the end of the said two acres of land and situate in the parish of Fownhope To hold from the date thereof for the term of 999 years at a peppercorn rent.

1st April, 1661.

Indenture between said John SCUDAMORE and said Arthur GWATKIN

* Documents in possession of the Rev^d. Thomas GWATKIN (1839-).



“GWATKIN LAND” (field in centre), view from Capla Hill, Fownhope.
Painted by F. L. W., October, 1913.

whereby said John SCUDAMORE in consideration of twenty shillings demises to said Arthur GWATKIN all that Parcel of arable land lying in Lidmeres field containing three quarters of an acre (more or less) being near unto Mather's perry and bounded as therein Sytuated in the Parish of Fownhope, to hold from the date thereof for the term of 999 years at the rent of a peppercorn.

20th April, 1691.

Indenture of Mortgage from John GWATKIN to Francis GWATKIN in ffee to . . . 8: ƒ Interest of all said in two first deeds.

6 January, 1691.

Indenture between said John GWATKIN ƒ said Ffrancis GWATKIN (reciting said deed No. (1) & said Deed No. (2) and also reciting an Indenture (not amongst M^r HARRIS's writings) dated 20th October 1681 ƒ 33 Chas: 2nd betw: John TAYLOR ƒ Dorothy his wife Daughter and heir of said John SCUDAMORE by Eliz: his wife of the one part ƒ S^r W^m. GREGORY of the other part, That for theratifying and confirming the aforesaid premises and the title, of the said Arthur GWATKIN ƒ for the barring all Demands TAYLOR & wife might claim to said premises. ƒ in consideration of 20th p^d. by said GREGORY did covenant to levy a ffine before Hillary Term then next of the said (ƒ other) p^rmises To the use (as to the said p^rmises in s^d two first Deeds.) of the s^d Arthur GWATKIN ƒ his heirs for ever—which ffine is to be levied the Michaelmas term following & reciting the said Arthur GWATKIN was dead & that said John GWATKIN was his son & heir and that the s^d p^rmises descended to him and reciting said Indenture of 20th Aprill 1691. ƒ the proviso therein for redemption ƒ that the p^rmises were forfeited. It is herein witnessed that the said John GWATKIN in consideration of the further sum of 9ti did release to said Francis GWATKIN & his heirs the Equity of Redemption of the said p^rmises in . . . in the said two first Deeds.

Mich. 33 Chas. 2^d [A.D. 1681].

Copy of a ffine then levied by said John TAYLOR ƒ Dorothy his wife to S^r W^m. GREGORY of the Lands in Fownhope—under which copy is wrote that the Chirograph of the s^d fine ƒ the Deed to lead the uses thereof dated 20th Oct 1681: Sealed by all the partys to the s^d fine remained in the hands of the s^d S^r W^m. GREGORY ƒ the other part of the ffine ƒ deed remained in the hands of John KIDLEY the older for the benefit of themselves ƒ the other purchasors in the s^d deed named by which Deed it is declared that those lands purchased by the said Arthur GWATKIN of the s^d John SCUDAMORE ffather of the s^d Dorothy TAYLOR, should enure to the use of the s^d Arthur GWATKIN his heirs

& assigns for ever—the copy of this fine & what is above wrote is signed by the said S^r W^m. GREGORY & John KYDLEY.

The title to the other two acres:

14 April, 1708.

By Indenture quadrupartite between Ed^w SYMONDS & Elizth his wife of the first part, Ann KNIGHT, cousin & heir of W^m. KNIGHT & daughter & heir of Walter KNIGHT Jun^r by Ann his wife, which said Walter was eldest son & heir of Walter KNIGHT the elder & Elizabeth his wife of the 2nd part Francis GWATKIN of the 3rd part & John KIDLEY of the 4th part Recyting that said W^m. KNIGHT and Ann KNIGHT by (?deed) dated 28 Dec. 1698: Did in consideration of 30^{ti} p^d by S^d E^d. SYMONDS & wife (among other things) convey to s^d SYMONDS & wife & their heirs all that piece or parcell of arable land lately enclosed out of Lidmeres field lying near Muthers peartree in the Parish of Fownhope containing two acres & butted & bounded therein. To hold unto said SYMONDS & wife & their heirs for ever and recyting that the s^d inde. & in the p^rmises though absolutely conveyed Yet the same were (with the other lands) only conveyed as a security for repaym^t of 30^{ti} & interest and further recyting that the said SYMONDS and Ann KNIGHT had accounted for s^d 30^{ti} & interest & that s^d SYMONDS had repaid the sum. It is therein Witnessed that in consideration of 5^s, p^d by GWATKIN to SYMONDS, & of 18^{ti} p^d by GWATKIN to s^d Ann KNIGHT the s^d SYMONDS & wife & s^d Ann KNIGHT did grant to s^d GWATKIN in fee simple the said two acres of land & the said Ann KNIGHT did release the same: A fine is thereby agreed to be levied, but no fine amongst the writings.

N.B. The lands contained in the first deed & this last Deed were (though formerly two pieces) layd together & enclosed & converted into an orchard.

Note also The said Francis GWATKIN married with M^{rs} Elianor KIDLEY by whom he had issue Susanna his only child who afterwards married with M^r Coningsby HARRIS.

30th June, 1735.

By Indenture tripartite between Sarah DREW and John DREW of the 1st part, the said Susannah GWATKIN of the 2nd part and Thomas DREW and Christopher KIDLEY of the 3rd part To lead the uses of a fine levied (with other lands) of a cottage tenement, garden, orchard & backside called Hennan's & of the p^rmises in the deeds above abstracted The uses of said cottage & those premisses are thereby declared to said Susanna GWATKIN her heirs and assigns for ever.



THE MILL FARM, FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE

Painted by F. L. W., October, 1913.

hope towards Hereford to ffancis GWATKIN his heirs & assigns for ever with a Coven^t to levy a ffine (but no ffine amongst the writings).

N.B. The said M^r HARRIS's wife is the only daughter & heir at law of M^{rs} Elianore GWATKIN lately desc^d: to whom the s^d M^r HARRIS & wife sold the s^d p^rmisses (with other lands) & the s^d M^{rs} HARRIS is also Grand daughter & heir at law to the s^d ffancis GWATKIN.

Note also, There must be a fine levied by M^r HARRIS & wife to the person to whom the orchard & half acre of land is sold in which ffine may be included the said messuage or Tenem^t. To the end it may be sold to a purchafer.

Thomas GWATKIN II.

Sellack Registers:

Thomas GWATKIN of ffownhope and Mary ADIS of Brampton Abbots married Ffeb 1677.

[Mary one of the daughters of Philip ADDIS: gent: of Gatsford, Brampton Abbots.]

In Webb's *History of Herefordshire during the Civil War*, Vol. II., pp. 34, 131, it is stated:

p. 34 Siege of Ross 1644 It seems by a statement of ADDIS of Brampton Abbots that he had at one time eight men & eight horses of Col MASSEY's & at another 4 troopers with their horses quartered upon him for four days; and that he was plundered of a horse by MASSEY's soldiers—

p. 131. ADDIS, a farmer, of Brampton Abbots near Ross, etc.,

Thomas GWATKIN and Mary, *née* ADDIS, had issue: Thomas, Mary, Elizabeth, and Anne.

1677.

Marriage Settlement of Thomas GWATKIN & Mary ADDIS.

Indenture dated 23rd Jan. 1677. 29 Chas. II. Between Thomas GWATKIN the elder of Ffownhope in co. Hereford gent on the one p^{te} and Philipp ADDIS of Brampton Abbots in co. Hereford gent and James ADDIS of Newent in co. Gloucester gent., sonne and heir apparent of s^d Philipp ADDIS on the other part—Marriage intended, by Gods permission, between Thomas GWATKIN (the younger)

sonne and heir apparent of the s^d Thomas GWATKIN the elder and Mary ADDIS one of the daughters of the s^d Philipp ADDIS, etc.

(Signed) Thomas GWATKIN

Witnesses,

John HEREFORD

J. . . . NEY (?)

Richard GWATKIN

William HAVARD

Will LEWIS.

Witnesses to Memorandum

Arthur GWATKIN

John HAVARD.

Notes on "HERBERT RAVENHILL'S RELEASE" *

A.D. 1699.

Indenture—9 May 11 Will: III., betw: Herbert RAVENHILL of Longford in par: Lugwardine in co. Hereford, yeoman, & Anne his wife, on the one part & Thomas GWATKIN of Fownhope in s^d co. Hereford yeoman on the other part—

Thomas GWATKIN the older and Thomas GWATKIN the younger customary tenants of the Manor of Fownhope (1687) John HEREFORD of Hom Lacy gent. John KIDLEY the younger gent.

" Anne GWATKIN, spinster, daughter of John GWATKIN the younger deceased, who was eldest son of Thomas GWATKIN the elder—

" Thos. GWATKIN the younger his father Thos GWATKIN the elder—

" Margaret ELCOCK widd: Guardian to said Anne (appointed so by last will & Testament of the s^d T. G. the elder).

" Said H^{bt} RAVENHILL & the s^d Anne lately intermarried " (1699).

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

EXCHEQUER DEPOSITIONS.

7 WILLIAM III. MICH. 22.

MILWARD v. MILWARD, &c.

(Abstract.)

1695, September 21.

Depositions of witnesses taken at the house of Mr Daniel GRATORIX beinge the signe of ye Talbott in Ashbourne, co. Derbye, upon Satur-

* Document in possession of the Rev^d. Thomas GWATKIN (1839-). Herbert RAVENHILL of Longford in Lugwardine, who married, c. 1699, Anne, only dau. of John, eldest son of Thomas GWATKIN I.

day the one and twentyeth day of September 1695 in a certaine cause there dependeinge betweene Robert MILWARD Esq., plaintiff, William MILWARD, Sir William GREGORY and Thomas GWATKIN defendants, on the parte and behalfe of the plaintiff.

Christopher LEY of Mathfeild, co. Staffs., gent., aged 54, deposes, &c.

Sampson BAKER of Ashbourne, co. Derby, gent., aged 55, deposes that he did see the indenture now shewed unto him dated 23 January 1691 and one purporting to be a mortgage from defendant William MILWARD to said plaintiff of certain messuages and lands in Fownhope, co. Hereford, for the security of payment of £192 : 7 : 6 unto said plaintiff upon 25 April then next sealed and delivered by defendant to plaintiff, &c.

[No information as to defendant Thomas GWATKIN.]

A.D. 1707.

An Indenture,* dated May 6th 1707, between Mary GWATKIN the elder, widow & relict and Administratrix of Thomas GWATKIN, late of Fownhope, and John MANFIELD of Sollershope in co. Hereford, gent, and William HAVARD of Fownhope, tanner, mentions that in 1679 in and by his Indenture he did demise, etc., for the sum of £29 a messuage, etc., unto Thomas GWATKIN the elder, father to Thomas GWATKIN, late husband of said Mary this messuage, etc., lately in occupation of John GREENE, "inkeeper" & then of Edith GREENE his wid:

. Mentions lands of John HAVARD, M^r LECHMERE & Isaac BROMWITH Esq^{re} deceased also Anne HAVARD wid: and of Thomas GWATKIN.

. Mentions Margaret GWATKIN daughter of Thomas GWATKIN the Elder, and Anne and Mary GWATKIN his Grand-daughters—then living 1679.

Mentions that in 1707 Margaret GWATKIN had since 1679 died—

Mentions Mary GWATKIN, Elizabeth GWATKIN, and Anne GWATKIN the 3 daughters of said Mary GWATKIN the elder.

Mentions Thomas GWATKIN *the son* of Mary GWATKIN the elder
the mark of Mary GWATKIN

Th^o MANFIELD

Ffra WOODHOUSE.

This transaction is evidently to provide or the three daughters of Mary GWATKIN the elder, as the one in 1679 was to provide for Margaret GWATKIN, the daughter of Thomas GWATKIN the elder, and his two then living grand-daughters: Anne, daughter of his son John GWATKIN, and Mary, elder dau. of his 2nd son Thomas GWATKIN.—E.M.G.

* In possession of the Rev^d Thomas GWATKIN, 1839.

1710, Jan. 15.

Mary GWATKIN acknowledges receipt of £40 from her brother Thomas; she having married John WINTER

Witnesses J. SEWARD (Signed) John WINTER
W^m. HAVARD (Mark of) Mary WINTER

1710, Oct. 13.

Elizabeth GWATKIN acknowledges receipt of her share

Witnesses, W^m. HAVARD (Signed) Thomas GWATKIN
Elizabeth HAVARD. Elizabeth GWATKIN

Thomas GWATKIN II.

On the 20th June 1702 Administration of the goods, etc., of Thomas GWATKIN of Fownhope, Herefordshire, was granted to Maria GWATKIN of Fownhope aforesaid the relict.

Sureties—Thomas MANFIELD of the same, gent. Charles GRIFFITHS of the city of Hereford, pinmaker.

Inventory £293 : 7 : 5

(Consistory of Bishop of Hereford.)

Thomas GWATKIN II. and Mary (*née* ADDIS) his wife, had three daughters:

1. Mary, born about 1678 or 9, married before 1710, John WINTER.
2. Elizabeth, born 1686, married John HAWKINS, said to have been a descendant of Sir John HAWKINS, the Elizabethan seaman. Her youngest son was Sir John HAWKINS—the friend of Samuel JOHNSON, and author of *A General History of Music*.
3. Anne, born 1691, married William PHILLIPS, a wine merchant, eldest son of Robert PHILLIPS, vicar of Fownhope. He died 23 September 1735, aged 37, leaving issue. She died 23 March 1773, aged 82.

John HAWKINS, the husband of Elizabeth GWATKIN was not a very sensible man. I have found these notes about his youngest son:

Sir John HAWKINS was the executor & friend of D^r JOHNSON, He does not deserve all the odium BOSWELL caused to be poured out against him. He was born 19th March 1719, in London; bred an attorney, under a very disagreeable man named SCOTT. He was recommended to M^r Peter STORER, who required an assistant, and he became a favourite with him and a friend to his only son Peter. It was through his friendship with Peter (jnr) that he eventually married the younger daughter, who was seven years *younger* than himself and not “an old woman he married for the sake of her money,” as James BOSWELL in his *Life of D^r JOHNSON* says. Eventually he became a magistrate, and in reward for his services in quelling the riots in 1768–1769, he was knighted.

He collected a valuable musical library, and, after 16 years laborious research, published in 1776 *A General History of Music*. His elder son, John Sidney HAWKINS, published a *History of Gothic Architecture*. His daughter, Letitia, published her *Memoirs & Anecdotes*: many of Dr JOHNSON. Letitia left a small collection of prints, books and diaries to her lady-companion, Miss Margaret MITCHELL, who, in her turn, left them to the Rev^d Richard GWATKIN.

Thomas GWATKIN III.

Fownhope Registers.

May 26, 1709. Thomas GWATKIN and Rebecca SEWARD were married by Licence.

Rebecca is *said* to have been the daughter of Abraham SEWARD, Mayor of Hereford, who died in 1698, aged 63, and was buried by his first wife (*Prior conjux*) Elizabeth, in Hereford Cathedral; but Rebecca may have been his grand-daughter. Abraham SEWARD and Elizabeth PHILPOTTS, widow, were married in Fownhope Church 18 July, 1654.

Of the second wife I can find no trace, except the mention in his will.

Abraham SEWARD, Mayor of Hereford, 17 Car. II. 1676.

It is related in Besse's *Sufferings of the People called Quakers* that "the congregation assembled at this place (Hereford) were committed to Byster's Gate by order of Abraham SEWARD, mayor, 1676."

SEWARD—"an antient race of gentility."

Thomas GWATKIN and Rebecca SEWARD had four children. She died and was buried 5 Dec. 1715.

The Children are thus given in Fownhope Registers of Baptisms:

- 1710. June 25. Thomas son of Thomas GWATKIN & Rebecca.
- 1711. Oct. 4. Rebecca, dau: of Th^{os} GWATKIN & Rebecca, his wife.
- 1712. Dec. 30. Richard, son of Thos. GWATKIN and Rebecca his wife.
- 1715. Sept. 12. John, son of Tho^s GWATKIN and Rebecca his wife.

For Thomas, see later.

Rebecca married James FOOTE, a baker of Hereford.

Richard married Anna PRITCHARD at St Saviour's, Southwark, in June, 1769.

John married Arabella PARBURY, and was a solicitor practising in Salisbury Court, Fleet Street, London. After his death in 1780

his successor was Mr JONES. His wife died in 1816, aged 83. She made a patchwork quilt, now, 1914, in the possession of the Rev^d Thomas GWATKIN. It is well made, and tradition says she made it when she was eighty.

Thomas GWATKIN (the third) was married a second time to a lady named Margaret (?). They were buried together the same day "Dec. 6, 1762. Thomas GWATKIN & his wife Margaret were buried"—at Fownhope.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY

CONSISTORY OF THE DEAN OF HEREFORD.

BOOK I. FOLIO 241.

(Abstract of Will.)

1696, June 23.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Abraham SEWARD of the city of Hereford, Esq. I give to the poor of the parish of St John Baptist wherein I now live 20/- Unto my beloved wife Joane SEWARD £40. To my brother Charles SEWARD and Samuel SEWARD and their wives and to my sister PHILPOTTS, sister JONES, and sister in law SEWARD, widow, and son in law MAYLARD, my daughter in law WAINWRIGHT and daughter in law FISHER 20/- each to buy them rings. I give to my sonne Isaak Seward all my goods &c., and appoint him sole executor, hoping he will be carefull and provident for the good of his wife and children.

(Signed) Abr. SEWARD.

Witnesses, Tho. CLARKE, sen., Ri. GOWER, Tho. ALDERNE, Ste. SKYNNER.

Proved at Hereford 10 August 1698, by the executor named.

Thomas GWATKIN.

On the 29th January 1763 Administration of the goods of Thomas GWATKIN the Elder of Fownhope, Herefordshire, was granted to Richard GWATKIN of Allensmore, Herefordshire, clerk, the natural and lawful son.

Sureties, Thomas PRICE of Allensmore, farmer, Samuel DREW of the city of Hereford, victualler.

[No Inventory.]

(Consistory of the Bishop of Hereford.)

Rev^d. Richard GWATKIN (2nd son of Thomas GWATKIN III.).
Note from the Registrar of Oxford University:

GWATKIN, Richard, son of Thomas, of Fownd hope, county Here-

ford, gentleman; Wadham College; matriculated 14 May 1730, aged 18; B.A. 1733; M.A. 1737.

His benefactions to the poor of Fownhope are mentioned on page 352, Vol. II, part I (1812) of Duncumb's *History of the County of Hereford*.

The following is a copy of the inscription to his memory in Allensmore Church, of which he was vicar:

Hic subtus Conduntur
Cinerir Ricardi GWATKIN, A.M.
Collegii Wadhamensis, Apud Oxoniensis.
Olim Commensalis Hujus Ecclesia
et Clehonger annos xlviii. vicarii.
natus est Fanhope xxiv^o die
Decembris anno MDCCXII.
Obiit II^o die Junii MDCCLXXXIX.

In levamen et subsidium
Egenorum hujusce parochia
ac parociarum de Clehonger
et Fanhope in hac provincia
et parocia de Lydney in agro
Gloucestrens: Quadringintarum
Librarum annuos redditus
Testamento legavit
Hanc Tabellum non causâ
Ostentationis sed ne post hac
Memoria hujus beneficii excideretur
Honi volebat.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 43. FOLIO 61.

(Abstract of Will.)

1777, December 16.

I, Richard GWATKIN of Allensmore, co. Hereford, clerk. I give to my brother John GWATKIN, gentleman, £20. To my nephew Thomas GWATKIN of Hereford, clerk, Richard VAUGHAN of Thruxton, clerk, and James Lloyd HARRIS of Kington, gentleman, £800 upon trust for my wife Anna GWATKIN. To my nephew Ross GWATKIN now residing in foreign parts £16 a year for life and £400 amongst his children. To my sister Rebecca FOOTE, widow, £10 a year for life. To the poor of Lydney, co. Gloucester, £100, of Allensmore £100, of Clehonger, £100, of Fownhope, £100, Collier's Chapel in Fownhope

Church to be used only as a vestry Room or Burying place; if used as a schoolroom the said £100 to go to the General Infirmary of Hereford. The residue to my said nephew Thomas GWATKIN, sole executor.

In witness whereof, &c. (Signed) Richard GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Ann PRICE, Fincastle, Thomas PRICE.

Proved at Hereford 12 June 1789, by the executor named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE DEAN OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 10. FOLIO 2.

(Abstract of Will.)

1802, January 26.

Anna GWATKIN of Allensmore, co. Hereford, widow. I give to James WALLIS and Thomas WALLIS, sons of my niece Martha WALLIS, by Nathaniel WALLIS her husband, £100 apiece. Unto my sister Lizan HEATH, wife of Richard HEATH of the Whitecraft in the parish of Newland, co. Gloucester, £20. To said Martha WALLIS £10. All my household goods, etc., to the said James and Thomas WALLIS equally and I appoint them executors.

In witness whereof, &c. (Signed) Anna GWATKIN.

Witnesses, James MEEK of Allington, weaver, The mark of John DAVIS of same, weaver, Wm. JOHNSON, not^y public, Hereford. I, Anna GWATKIN did before witness blot out the names of Ann TRIGG, James PRITCHARD and Mary BEAVAN for a particular reason. Witness, Thos. WALLIS and Mary BAILEY.

Proved at Hereford 28 December 1804, by Thomas WALLIS; power reserved for the other executor.

Abstract of the will of Rebecca FOOTE daughter of Thomas GWATKIN (3rd):

1790, March 23.

I, Rebecca FOOTE of the parish of Fownhope in co. Hereford, widow—I give . . . all the goods, linen and household furniture of which I shall die possessed in the town of Ross in Co. Hereford, except my rings & silver butter boat, to Catherine STEEL wife of Samuel STEEL of Ross, ginger bread baker.

To Sarah PHILLIPS, Elizabeth PHILLIPS, Letitia PYE, James WATHEN of the city of Hereford and to Anne LEWIS of the town of Ross one guinea apiece for a ring.

To M^r John SLADE of the parish of Fownhope five guineas.

To Miss PURCHASE, eldest daughter of M^r Nathaniel PURCHASE of Fownhope, two guineas. And as to all the rest & residue . . . I give

... the same to my nephew Thomas GWATKIN of the city of Hereford, clerk, whom I appoint sole executor. . . .

The mark of Rebecka FOOTE.

Witnesses, Rebecca GWATKIN, Thomas CARVER.

24 August, 1794.

Codicil. I direct my executor to receive of John SLADE of Fownhope only half the sum he may be indebted to me at the time of my death I have the ready money in cash to my executor & the said Catherine STEEL share & share alike.

My silk cloak given me by my executor to his wife Jane GWATKIN.

My wearing apparel to Catherine STEEL.

To my executor £20 in trust to educate John STEEL son of Catherine STEEL until he reach the age of 14 & then to apprentice him to some trade . . . if he should die the £20 to be paid to Catherine STEEL.

To poor of Fownhope one hundred sixpenny loaves of bread . . . within a fortnight of my decease.

(Signed) Rebecca FOOTE.

Witness, Arabella GWATKIN.

Proved at Hereford 18 Feb. 1802 by Jane GWATKIN, relict and administratrix of Thomas GWATKIN, clerk, deceased.

John GWATKIN, third son of Thomas GWATKIN III. He was born in 1715 and baptized in Fownhope Church. He was a lawyer who practised in Salisbury Court, Fleet Street, London (*see* Law List, 1775). He married Arabella PARBURY, and died in 1780. An abstract of his will follows:

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 16 COLLINS.

(Abstract of Will.)

1776, May 20. John GWATKIN.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, John GWATKIN of Salisbury Court, Fleet Street, London, gentleman, do by this my last Will and Testament give to my Nephew Thomas GWATKIN my gold watch, seal set in gold * and gold head cane given to me by my late friend M^r Arthur SADLER, deceased. To my loving wife all that my leasehold messuage, &c., wherein I now dwell in Salisbury Court and all my books, household goods, furniture, liquors, linnen, pictures and plate, and all my watches (except the above given to my nephew) rings, cloaths worn by her and likewise the ornaments of her person. Also I give her £600. The residue of my personal estate and effects and

* See plate of impression of seal.



ANDROMACHE WEEPING FOR HECTOR

*Impression of "Mr Sadler's Seal" left to
Reed Thomas Greatkin (1741-1800) by
his Uncle John Greatkin Sur (1715-
1780) of Salisbury Court.*

all my freehold and copyhold lands, &c., I give and devise to my sister Rebecca FOOT, widow, her heirs, etc., and I appoint my said wife and nephew executors. N.B.—I direct that not more than twenty pounds be laid out on my funeral. In witness, &c.

(Signed) John GWATKIN.

Witnesses, George PARBURY, THOS. SEWER, junr., Gilbt. JONES.

Proved at London 4 January 1780, by Arabella GWATKIN, widow, the relict of the deceased, and one of the executors named; power reserved for Thomas GWATKIN the nephew.

The following is a copy of a letter in possession of the Rev^d. Thomas GWATKIN (1839-), (undated) from M^{rs}. Arabella GWATKIN (1733-1816) describing a storm at Fownhope. It may have been addressed to M^{rs} Jane GWATKIN *née* POWLE:

Dear Madam.

I write to let you know I am alive after the Horrors of yesterday, of all the frights I ever experienced I think I never was worse, the water roll'd down like a sea and carried all before it, it soon rose to the trams not a soul to be got every one running to save their own, GOODMAN swam down the stream (*sic*) and got home but the gate of his fold burst open & he was with difficulty saved, all their Ducks were drowned. M^{rs}. HADLEY was ill no one can tell the damage done there part of the new pits blewn (*sic*) up and part of the wall and the leather blown a distance off, the drawing (?) full as high as the window. Sally Atwood celler, all the Tobacco wet. Hannah PREECE and Kitty THOMAS House, Betty DOWNS children, Old DOWNS, all went to STONES, our poor Miller went to the Barn to save his pigs, the Barn went down the stream and he was drown'd a young girl his niece went down with another Building and was lost. A woman and 2 (*sic*) children who liv'd in a hut near the Bridge went down house and all and they in it it blew such a Hurricane I thought all the Trees and chimneys would have come down, the windows shatter'd with the tremendous thunder: but I never saw such Lightening: The Trees had been had (*sic*) been sadly hurt before but I fear it is worse. Now M^r. SLADE of caple says he will not make a hogshead. God send us better times but I am thankful very thankful 'tis no worse it was a sheet of water to the little meadow Gate Nanny pulled off her shoes and stockings and opened a passage or the cyder would have swam. Comp^{ts} to M^{rs}. BEVAN sure the weather will settle I wish I could write anything more entertaining I think my eyes are the worse for the lightening.

I am,

dear madam,

Yours,

A. G.

[She once reproved my Grandfather, who was her grandnephew, because his table manners were not very good. She said, "Richard, to see you eating is like seeing men toss hay to the top of a stack." —E. M. G.]

Thomas GWATKIN, IV., of Hackney.

Thomas GWATKIN married Rebecca LEY, after the death of her father. Thomas GWATKIN does not seem to have been a wise man and he died early. He was a solicitor in Devonshire Square, Bishopsgate, and lived at Hackney. Rebecca was the younger daughter of the Reverend Rosse LEY, son of Thomas LEY.

1697, March 15.

Abstract of the Will of Thomas LEY, gent., now resident in the parish of St Leonard, Shoreditch, Middlesex.

I give my sonne Robert, already advanced in the world, £40 and a further sum of £5. To my daughter Sarah, who is likewise advanced in the world £40 and £5 to remain in the hands of Mr Whitlocke BULSTRODE for one year after my decease. To my sonne Rosse, £120, to remain in hands of said Mr BULSTRODE for the education of said Rosse in the University of Oxford and a further sum of £5. To my daughter Martha, who by reason of sickness and infirmity is less able to provide for herself, £150, to remain in hands of said Mr BULSTRODE and my interest and the term to come of a house in Mountmill in possession of Mary Wood, the term to come being short, I desire my executor to compound with the Governors of St Bartholomew's hospital for a renewall of lease, and a further sum of £5. To my Honoured friend Mr John INCE the sum of £5. To Mr Thomas KENNETT £5. To Mr Richard CHENEY twenty shillings for a ring. To Mr Charles Rogers twenty shillings for a ring. All my goods and chattells, as plate, a diamond ring and all my East India Goods to be sold and one-sixth part I give to my son Robert, one-sixth to my daughter Sarah and the residue to be equally divided between my children Rosse and Martha. To Judith BARLOW my servant £10, etc. I doe appoint my dear friend Whitelocke BULSTRODE of Clifford's Inn, London, gent., sole executor and desiring him to accept £10. 15 March, 10 William III., 1697. (Signed) Tho. LEY.

Witnesses, Hen: LOVIBOND, Robert TARRANT, William BROMFIELD, Lawrence LEGAWE.

Proved at London 17 October 1698, by the executor named.

(P.C.C. 218 Lort.)

Thomas LEY was clerk to the Carpenters' Company from April 1675 to September 1683. At least his successor was appointed on the later date.

1735, November 4.

Abstract of the will of Ross LEY of St Matthew's Fryday Street, (London), clerk.

To my wife Mary LEY £2,000. To my sons Thomas LEY and William LEY and to my daughters Elizabeth, Rebecca and Mary LEY, £200 apiece. I appoint my wife Mary LEY executrix. 4 November 1735.

(Signed) Ross LEY.

On 14 February 1736 Dummer ANDREWS of South Stoneham, co. Southampton, clerk, and John WILKINSON of St Catherine's near the Tower of London, clerk, severally make oath that they well knew and were acquainted with the Rev. Mr Ross LEY, late Rector of St Mathew, Fryday Street, London, deceased, and with his manner of handwriting, etc., etc.

Proved at London 9 February 1736-7, by the executrix named.

(P.C.C. 34 WAKE.)

From HENNESSY's *Parochiale Londinense*, (1898): Ross LEY, B.A. U. 257. 1715. Dec. 20. d. 1737. patron: John, Dk. MARLBOROUGH. ROBINSON. U. 257. A.B., M.A., one of the brethren of St Catherine's Hospital. Will 1737. see his epitaph in NICHOL's *Account of St Catherine's by the Tower*.

From FOSTER's *Alumni Oxonienses*: Rosse LEY, son of Thomas LEY of London, gent. Christ Church College, Oxford. Matric. 26 March 1697-8, aet. 18. B.A. 1701. Born in Carpenters' Hall, 1678. Educated at Charterhouse. Chaplain of St Catherine's Hospital 1704 and to 4th. Troop of Horse Guards, 1710. Rector of St. Matthew's, Friday Street and St. Peter's, Eastcheap, 1715. Chaplain to Duke of MONTAGUE, 1727. Died in Wellclose Green 4 January 1737; buried in St. Catherine's by the Tower. See Rawl. II. 158, IV. 332 and XVIII. 37 and FOSTER's *Index Ecclesiasticus*.

1745, December 13.

Will of Mary LEY of Hackney, Middlesex, widow. Mrs SHEWILL of the Minories to be employed as undertaker of my funeral, no more than £40 to be expended. To Mr. Nathaniel Phillips of Cheapside, mercer, and my daughter Mary ECKLEY £1,000 in trust to pay interest to my daughter Rebecca GWATKIN. My son-in-law Thomas GWATKIN shall convey to said Nathaniel PHILLIPS freehold lands of the clear yearly value of £50 to the use of my daughter Rebecca GWATKIN after his death, the said trustees to pay Thomas GWATKIN £500 for his own use. To my daughter Mary ECKLEY £1,050. To Nathaniel PHILLIPS £20. Residue to my said daughters equally. Said Nathaniel PHILLIPS and Mary ECKLEY executors.

(Signed) Mary LEY.

Witnesses, Margaret GIBBS her mark, Jn. BEARD, clerk to Mr. GRAVES.

Codicil 5 March 1745/6.

I give to my daughter Mary ECKLEY £50 towards making her satisfaction for the loss she has suffered on my son-in-law Thomas GWATKIN's account. To my son William LEY and his wife each a mourning ring of a guinea value. Mary LEY her mark.

Witnesses, Susanna WILKINS, John BEARDE.

Proved at London 26 August 1746 by Mary ECKLEY (wife of John ECKLEY) the daughter; power reserved to Nathaniel PHILLIPS.

(P.C.C. 241 EDMONDS.)

These LEYS were connected in some way with the DUMMERS of Southampton and America.

Written in a book; a copy of Milton's works.

"S^r I. (?) LEY e Dono

M. DUMMER 1732,

Thos. DUMMER MDCXCV."

Another book has in it a book-plate with the DUMMER coat of arms—*Az. three fleurs-de-lys, on a chief of the second a demi-lion ramp. of the first. Crest, a demi-lion ramp. Az. in the dexter paw a fleur-de-lys or*—William DUMMER his booke anno Pretium.

The book: "*Contemplations Moral & Divine* by Sir Matthew HALE, K^t, etc. Printed for William SHROWSBURY at the Bible in Duck Lane; Dan. MIDWINTER & Tho LEIGH at the Rose & Crown in S^t Paul's Churchyard, 1705." One William DUMMER was Lieut. Governor of the Province of Massachusetts. One of the DUMMERS, a Thomas, was Deputy to the Duke of MONTAGUE as Keeper of the Great Wardrobe. ROSS LEY was Chaplain to the Duke of MONTAGUE. This Thomas DUMMER had a son, Thomas Lee DUMMER. Dummer ANDREWS, who swore to ROSS LEY's handwriting, was probably son to Susanna ANDREWS, probably *née* DUMMER.

In Thomas LEY's will we find Charles ROGERS mentioned. J. Dummer ROGERS was tutor to Lord BYRON and an American Loyalist pensioned by the Government. (*Notes and Queries* 4th Series III., 561.)

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 174 BUSBY.

(Abstract of Will.)

1750, August 13. Thomas GWATKIN.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Thomas GWATKIN, eldest son and

heir apparent of Thomas GWATKIN of Fownhope, co. Hereford, gentleman, &c. I give, devise, &c., to my loving wife all my messuages, lands, &c., whatsoever, and I make her sole executrix. And my will and desire is that my said wife Rebecca GWATKIN will be advised in her affairs by Mr John ECKLEY, apothecary, and my brothers the Rev. Mess^{rs} Richard GWATKIN and John GWATKIN.

In witness wehreeof, &c.

(Signed) Thos GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Thos. MOORE, James HAVARD, Anna PRITCHARD.

Proved at London 7 June 1751, by the executrix named.

1781, October 13.

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Will of Rebecca GWATKIN, widow of Thomas GWATKIN IV.

I, Rebecca GWATKIN, of Bullingham, co. Hereford, widow, do make my last will and testament. Whereas Mary LEY of Hackney, co. Middlesex, widow, deceased, did in her last will and testament bearing date on or about 13 December 1745, give and bequeath to Nathaniel PHILLIPS of Cheapside, London, mercer, since deceased, and her daughter Mary ECKLEY £1,000 upon trust to pay the interest thereof unto me during my life and upon trust after my decease to pay the said £1,000 unto such person or persons as I should by my last will and testament direct. I, the said Rebecca GWATKIN do by virtue of the power and authority to me given by the said recited will of the said Mary LEY give, bequeath, etc., the said £1,200 East India annuities standing in the name of the said Mary ECKLEY to my son Thomas GWATKIN, clerk, his executors, &c., and I do give all my household goods, plate, linen, books, and all other my estate and effects of whatever nature or kind soever to my said son Thomas GWATKIN and I do nominate and appoint my said son Thomas GWATKIN sole executor.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) Rebecca GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Martha JONES, Bullingham, Herefordshire; Gilb^t JONES, Salisbury Co^t, Fleet Street, London.

Proved at London 8 August 1792, by the Rev^d Thomas GWATKIN, clerk, the son and the sole executor named.

(P.C.C. 427 FOUNTAIN.)

Thomas GWATKIN, IV., and Rebecca (*née* LEY) had six sons:

1. Thomas. Born 1741. Died 1800.
2. Ross. Born 5 November 1743. He was a "black sheep"; went to Seville in Spain, and died abroad before 1802, leaving neither wife nor child.
3. John. Born 1745.
4. Richard. Born 1746.
5. Richard
6. John. } Born 2 September 1749 (twins).

Tradition says that Richard and John (Nos. 5 and 6) were drowned while bathing together, and that they were twins. Sir William DRUMMOND, M.P., F.R.S., on this tragedy, in the style of the day, wrote a poem, a copy of which follows. Accompanying it is a sketch of tombstones in a churchyard (unknown), as given in the picture.

John GWATKIN the youngest of the above children died in 1774. His mother acted as administratrix on behalf of her son Thomas, then in foreign parts. On 10 February 1776 he is mentioned as John GWATKIN, junior, late of Salisbury Court, Fleet Street, gent., deceased. He was in business under his uncle John. (*see* page 39.)

Lines on the death of Richard and John GWATKIN who were drowned, written by William DRUMMOND.

" This mournful tombstone on their graves I raise
Whose well-spent lives deserve the Poet's praise.

" Two gentle youths, whom no rough passions knew
Sprung from one root, in grace and beauty grew.
Their minds were honest, as their reasons clear,
Their hearts were open, as their souls sincere :
The modest beauties of their forms exprest,
The noble thoughts that fired each glowing breast.

" As when the sun in Glory shines serene,
And wide illumines all the sylvan scene,
He gilds each object with his splendid rays,
And blushing nature brightens with the blaise.
So o'er each face the light of virtue smil'd,
The perfect image of a nature mild.

" Gen'rous to all, and to each other kind,
In them the brothers and the friends were join'd
Thus from one root two lofty branches spring,
And self-entwined upon each other hing (*sic*);
The roaring blast may rage along the plain.
But reeks its vengeance on their heads in vain.

" Oh hapless youths, you soon resigned your breath
The early victims of untimely death.
For you no more, the feathered choir shall sing;
For you no more the blushing flowers shall spring
For you no more shall silver Phœbe rise,
Nor sparkling sunbeams gild the morning skies.



Copy of Sketch at the head of Sir William Drummond's Verses on the Twins
who were drowned; place unknown.

No other joys to you also are known.
 Than the green turf and moss embroidered stone
 No other sounds shall e'er salute your ear,
 Till the last trump from Heaven's vault you hear.

"May the sad muse for aye your fates bemoan,
 And kindly weep for sorrows not her own,
 And drooping myrtle shade ye sacred tomb,
 And solemn cypress on your gravestone bloom,
 May guardian angels watch you while you sleep
 And careful vigil on ye ashes keep."

N.B.—*Penicillis, et manibus, primum pinui;
 Sed secundum compasius preclaviore labore exercindi
 Mentim et colendi facultates meas.*

Hereford, July 3rd, 1787.

To the Rev^d. Thomas GWATKIN.

Dear Sir,

After an interval of so many years, will you permit me to renew my correspondence with you, by sending you a copy of the second edition of my translation of Persius. I am with great regard your most faithful humble servant.

(Signed) W. DRUMMOND.

Portugal Street, Grosvenor Square, Jan. 3rd, 1800.

(Written inside the book, which was published in 1799; printed by W. BULMER & Co., for T. WRIGHT, Piccadilly.)

Sir William DRUMMOND (*see* "D.N.B.," Vol. XVI, p. 51), (1770–1828), scholar and diplomatist, eventually head of the family of DRUMMOND of Logie-Almond, was probably the same William, son of John DRUMMOND of Perth, who matriculated at Christ Church College, Oxford, 24 January, 1788, etc., etc. He was M.P. in 1795 for St Mawes, in 1796 and 1801 for Lostwithiel. In 1801 he was appointed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the Court of Naples, and in 1803, Ambassador to the Ottoman Porte, etc., etc. In 1809 his diplomatic career ended. He was the author of several works, the greatest of which was *Origines, or Remarks of the Origins of several Empires, States and Cities, such as Assyria and Babylon*, 1824–29. He lived latterly abroad and died in Rome 29 March, 1828. On the 4 April 1799, he was elected F.R.S., and on 3 July 1810, D.C.L. Oxford (*Gentleman's Magazine*, 1828, II. 90).

His sister "C" ("Catherine" I think) married Sir George STEWART. His mother, Lady Catherine DRUMMOND, lived in George

Street, Edinburgh, in 1789. *See* letters in possession of Rev. Thomas GWATKIN (1839-).

John GWATKIN (1749-1774), of Salisbury Court, Fleet Street, sixth son of Thomas GWATKIN IV.

Fragment of a letter to His Mother, c. 1774-5:

Hon^d. Madam.

I reced yours of the 18th of last month, & delivered the enclosed to Mr Sadler, having first put a Wafer in it. I did not mean you should take notice of my last Lre, but of that wch I sent in Mr Sadler's Frank (wch I suppose you reced): however it is of no consequence, only it must appear odd, as I show'd Mr Sadler the contents, & it was Chiefly concerning their intentions of going into the country, & being at your house, that I wrote—that Lre. . . Mr *Leigh* has been inoculated, and confined best part of the time since his being in England; this week the Ship sails in wch he came over & he returns in it, as it happens unexpectedly, it was not in my power to send you word time enough: but in a month or six weeks I shall write again, & if you send me a Lre I will take care of it. I am sorry it is not in my power to send you the sermon, for my brother took it to Virginia. At present I live more comfortably with my Uncle than at M^{rs}. Parbury's. My Aunt & self agree mightily. I behave respectfully & she is civil enough to me. I am asked to Tea every evening indeed I make no ceremony about, but rather behave as tho' I look upon it as a sort of right, being so near a Relation & living in the same House. Business has prevented my going to M^{rs}. Eckley, but as there is a half years Interest due, I intend to go soon, and I design sending it by M^r. Sadler. I shall (if you can conveniently spare it) deduct half a guinea for myself. I have not any News to tell you except that my friend M^r. Sewer is going to practice in Rotherhithe, where he has a view of doing very well. You mention that you don't know what my Brother means, by saying he "supposes you heard of the honour conferred upon him by the General Assembly." As it may interest you I'll explain it. The clergy in Virginia foolishly took it into their heads to want a Bishop, for which they procured a Convention of the clergy of that Province to be called, in order to debate about & petition our Parliament for one. My Brother sat in the Convention, & he (whose generous and Liberal principles render him averse to such slavish & foolish Schemes in religious affairs) strongly opposed it as did likewise three others, but the Majority were for it; therefore he and the three other gentlemen protested against the proceedings of the Convention in form. When the General Assembly met, which is much the same as our Parliament, the House of Burgesses (which is the same with our House of Commons) voted nemine

contradicienti (that is unanimously) the thanks of that House to be given to the Rev^d. M^r. GWATKIN & the other three, for their steady and well timed opposition to a Scheme so detrimental to the interests of Society, & by which much anxiety was brought upon the minds of His Majesty's subjects, & there was more which at present I can't rember. They read the thanks of the House with the ceremony upon such occasions. The opposition has had so good an Effect, that for the present

they
(*here the fragment ends*)

Extract. Consolidated £4 per Cent annuities.
Reg^t 3631.

Know all men by these Presents that I Rebecca GWATKIN widow administratrix to John GWATKIN J^{nr}. late of Salisbury Court Fleet Street, Gent deceased, do make constitute, & appoint Richard GRAVATT of Fleet Street Banker my true & lawful attorney to assign and transfer £200 . . . into the Name of the Rev^d. Thomas GWATKIN Professor of Humanity of the College of Williamsburg in Virginia.

10th February 1776.

Witnesses,

George MURRAY
Alex: MURRAY.

(Signed)
Rebecca GWATKIN.

Rev^d. Thomas GWATKIN V.
Oxford Admission Register:

GWATKIN, Thomas, son of Thomas, of Hackney, Middlesex, gentleman. Jesus College. Matriculated 16 July 1763, aged 21; B.A. by decree of Convocation 21 May 1778; of Christ Church, M.A. March 23. 1781.

He was ordained priest by the Bishop of London in 1767, and by him appointed to the professorship of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in The College of William and Mary, called the "Professor of the Humanities," in Williamsburg, Virginia. He was Chaplain to Lord DUNMORE and private tutor to his son, Lord FINCASTLE. Lord DUNMORE presented him with the gold watch now in the possession of the Rev^d. T. GWATKIN (1839-).

After Lord DUNMORE left Virginia Thomas GWATKIN remained behind, but was much ill-treated, being a loyalist, and was deprived of his professorship.

Thomas GWATKIN is mentioned by Jonathan BOUCHER in his *View*

of the *Causes of the American Revolution*, as one of the four clergymen who protested against the appointment of a bishop for the American colonies.

In 1773 a letter from a M^r W. JONES (or INNES?) of Williamsburg, to the Rev^d Jonathan BOUCHER, says, "To endeavour to express the abilities and amiable qualities of the man would be but wronging them, but this I will say, that if ever the profoundest depth of knowledge, and the most extensive philanthropy were united, they are in our GWATKIN."

Thomas GWATKIN was then 32 years of age.

On his return to America he had the living of Cholsey and Moulshford in Berkshire, but his health being impaired by the usage he had received in America he gave up that living and retired to Herefordshire.

He died in 1800 and was buried in Clehonger.

Among his friends and patrons may be mentioned Sir William DRUMMOND, M.P., translator of *Persius*.

In . . . Sir William DRUMMOND was desirous that Thomas GWATKIN should accompany him to . . . but—so her letter states—his wife was not anxious for him to go for his health was not good.

He and his five brothers all had red hair.

Thomas GWATKIN married Jane, daughter of John POWLE, who survived him thirty-six years and was buried at Barrow-upon-Soar in Leicestershire, of which place their only son Richard was then, in 1836, vicar.

Inscription in Barrow-on-Soar churchyard, north side of tower:

In Memory of Jane, relict
of the Late Rev^d Thomas GWATKIN, M.A.
She died Aug. 2nd 1836, aged 86 years
He died Oct. 4th 1800, aged 59 years
and was buried at Clehonger, Herefordshire.

To the Honourable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of Parliament for enquiring into the Losses sustained by His Majesty's Loyal Subjects in North America.

The Humble Petition and Memorial of Thomas GWATKIN, Clerk.
Sheweth

That your petitioner at the commencement of the late war in North America was in possession of the office of Professor of Languages E^{tc} in the College of William and Mary in the Colony of Virginia—A College of Royal Foundation (the Charters of the said college having been granted by their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary) with a Salary of Two hundred pounds Sterling a year besides the emoluments amounting at least to One hundred Pounds a year (sterling) over and above the said Two Hundred Pounds a year.

That in or about the month of June One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five your petitioner received several applications from Richard Henry LEY (*sic*) Esquire, JEFFERSON and other gentlemen at that time members of Congress to draw up Memorials in vindication of the proceedings of *Congress* with promise of protection and ample rewards. To comply with whose applications your petitioner, from a regard to his oath of Alligiance, declined and absolutely refused.

In consequence of this refusal to comply with the above mentioned application and his constant adherence to his duty as became a loyal subject your petitioner was subject to a variety of cruel treatment by which his life was put to imminent danger—and which was the cause of a very ill state of health so that he has been in a great measure prevented from discharging the duties of his profession ever since that period.—About the same time your petitioner was obliged for the security of his person to place himself under the protection of the R^t Honourable the Earl of DUNMORE then Governor of the said Colony of Virginia, by which means he was deprived of his professorship and the emoluments thereunto annexed (amounting in the whole to Three Hundred Pounds sterling a year and upwards) and also lost all his papers, Books and Household Furniture the exact value of which he is at present incapable of ascertaining but verily believes they cannot amount to less than the sum of one Hundred Pounds sterling.

That there is due to your Petitioner (at this present time) in the said Colony of Virginia the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds sterling.

That the above circumstances of your petitioners having been possessed and being deprived of the said Professorship &c can be authenticated by the Earl of DUNMORE now residing in Berkley Street Portman Square London or at Dunmore Park in Scotland. John RANDOLPH Esq^r now or lately resident at Brumpton Row, Middlesex: That his loss of Books, Furniture and the debts due to him can only be ascertained by his own affidavit: And lastly that your Petitioner at present resides in Broad Capuchin Lane in the City of Hereford—

In consequence of the above premises your petitioner humbly prays this honourable Board that such relief may be allowed to him as shall seem proper.

13th December 1783.

(Signed) T. GWATKIN.

Hereford.

Congress.

The members were appointed and a plan of proceedings formed although that Body was not then actually sitting.

1778, Nov. 4.

Will of John POWLE, of Wootton-under-Edge, Glos. Surgeon (very long with seven Codicils).

Bequeaths to his wife Sarah, all that messuage in High St., Wootton-under-Edge, where they live; after his death to M^r Sampson CAREY, his father-in-law; at his death to his two worthy friends Isaac and Anthony AUSTIN upon trust for maintenance and education of his nephew Edward BEVAN, alias BOFFIN, son of "my sister" Sarah BEVAN, widow. Provision for his mother M^{rs} Sarah POWLE, "independent of my Father, John POWLE," in half yearly instalments of £5. Should his father survive he is to receive this annuity in half-yearly sums. Bequests to brothers and sisters, Sarah, George, Jane, James and Benjamin.

Proved at London 15 Jan., 1783, by Isaac AUSTIN and Anthony AUSTIN, the surviving executors (P.C.C 38 CORNWALLIS).

Benjamin POWLE, son to the above-mentioned Benjamin, brother to the testator, wrote to his cousin, Richard GWATKIN, son to the above-mentioned Jane POWLE, that their great-grandfather (POWLE) was a silk dyer living in, probably *circa* 1762-5, the Strand, London, and this was corroborated by his first cousin, John POWLE, son to the above-mentioned James POWLE. The father of Jane POWLE (afterwards GWATKIN) lived in Hereford, for, according to the "D. N. B.," her nephew, Edward BEVAN, mentioned in her brother's will above, was left an orphan when very young, and "received into the house of his maternal grandfather, Mr. POWLE of Hereford." In the "D. N. B." is also a short account of George POWLE, who was an artist.

The Rev^d Richard GWATKIN, 1789-1870.

The Rev^d Richard GWATKIN, son of Rev. Thomas GWATKIN V., and Jane (POWLE) was born in Hereford 17 Sept., 1791; bapt: at St Owen's Church, Hereford; educated in Hereford Cathedral School, and by M^r BRADSTOCK at Elmore Court, Pershore. He proceeded to St John's College, Cambridge, October 1810 (rooms E, second court); was Senior Wrangler 1814. 1st Smith's prizeman; Fellow of St John's 1814; assistant tutor to M^r HORNBUCKLE; College tutor 1826; B.D.; F.G.S., 1827; of Horningsea, Cambridge, 1832; Vicar of Barrow-upon-Soar, Leicestershire, till 1853.

He lived, after he resigned Barrow, at Bridstow, Herefordshire, Wellington and Worthing, and eventually settled at Torquay, where he died 14 October 1870, aged 81.

He married in 183- Anne, daughter of Edward and Sarah MIDDLETON (*née* BIRD) of Barrow-upon-Soar, and had four children.

Thomas GWATKIN.

Jane.

Henry Melvill GWATKIN.

Anne HUGHES.

He was buried in Upton Churchyard, Torquay; and his wife, Anne, and his sister-in-law, Sarah MIDDLETON, are buried also in the same tomb.

Copy of Inscription on Tombstone N. of Upton Churchyard,
Torquay.

Richard GWATKIN. B.D.

Born Sept. 17. 1791

Died Oct. 14 1870.

Thanks be to God which giveth
us the victory through
Our Lord Jesus Christ.

I. Cor. XV. 57.

and

Ann his wife

Born July 9th 1817

Died January 18th 1884.

In 1911 the Rev. Thomas GWATKIN put a stained glass window into the West end window of the North aisle of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Barrow-upon-Soar, to the memory of his parents, the Rev.^d Richard GWATKIN, B.D., and Ann his wife.

From *The Cambridge Chronicle*, 22 Oct. 1870:

The Rev. Richard GWATKIN, B.D., whose death we announced last week, was the son of the Rev. Thomas GWATKIN, of Christ Church, Oxford, sometime Professor at Williamsburgh, Virginia, and private tutor in the family of Lord DUNMORE, the last English Governor of that State. Thomas GWATKIN fled with Lord DUNMORE on the declaration of independence, and accepted a living near Hereford, in which city his son Richard was born, 17th Sept., 1791. Having been educated at Hereford School, besides other places, he proceeded to St John's College in October, 1810. After a distinguished College career, he was Senior Wrangler in 1814, and obtained the first Smith's prize; Wilkin-son, formerly master of Sedbergh School, being in both cases second. Mr. GWATKIN was elected Fellow of his College in April, 1814, and shortly afterwards was appointed Assistant Tutor to Mr. HORNBUCKLE. In 1826 he became College Tutor. In 1832, he was presented by the College to the Vicarage of Barrow-on-Soar, which he held till 1853, when he was compelled to resign it from ill-health. From that time he lived the life of a retired student, residing latterly at Torquay. At Cambridge Mr. GWATKIN was a most successful private tutor, and won, as College Tutor, the esteem and respect of all who knew him. His ready kindness and self-denying labour will not soon be forgotten in his College, in which he is still spoken of most affectionately, and to which he devoted the best of his time and powers. All who were most familiar with him, his old companions and pupils, agree in their testimony to his many good and amiable qualities, and in their grateful respect for his memory.

Copy of a Letter from M^r Robert Lovell GWATKIN to the Rev^d Richard GWATKIN (1789-1870):

“Copy of D^r COVE’s Letter

1826. Hereford. March 20th.

Dear Sir,

I send you my recollections and such information as I have been able to collect respecting your family connections in this part of the country. Towards the end of the 17th century John BALLARD of Treverin and Langrove in the parish of Llangarren in this County married (if I err not) Elizabeth GWATKIN* of Netherton in the Parish of Pencoyd near to Landinabo (about 8 miles from this place on the road toward Ross) at which parish their daughter Elizabeth, my maternal Grandmother, and the mother of D^r JONES was baptized in 1696—and if I mistake not, John BALLARD then lived at Pennipit in Landinabo.

Whether the above Elizabeth GWATKIN was sister, daughter, niece or cousin of your Grandfather in business at Bristol I know not; but I well remember from my childhood to have heard your Father always spoken of as a very near relation of the JONES family and to be continually mentioned by the members of it, by the familiar appellation of Cousin Ned GWATKIN. I also recollect that my mother, in particular, when a young woman, used to visit your late Aunt GWATKIN and Mrs DEVERELL, who then resided in Bristol.

M^{rs} GWATKIN, the mother of the Rev^d Richard GWATKIN, Fellow of St John’s College, Cambridge, tells me that her late husband’s family, from a conveyance between 3 and 4 hundred years ago of a small landed property near this place to a GWATKIN, the ancestor of her husband, appears to have been originally of Cornwall (might be Crickhowell, Brecon.—E.M.G.), though she knows not of which rank in life, or of what place in Cornwall, that ancestor is described in the conveyance. As he came into the county so long ago it is possible he might have been the ancestor also of some other Families named GWATKIN now existing in this county. M^{rs} GWATKIN never heard of any Family arms belonging to her late husband and probably his ancestors were not entitled to bear any. Neither in GWILLIM’s nor in EDMONDSON’s more voluminous work on Heraldry does the name of GWATKIN occur or that of WATKIN, which is pronounced by the Welch with a guttural sound would be GWATKIN, as they say Gwealthy for wealthy, at least such as do not pronounce English properly

My dear Sir,

Above I have sent you according to promise a Copy of Dr COVE’s account of my family which supplies but little intelligence—if you can

* See table: Gwatkin of Pencoyd.

trace out more concerning them I shall be glad to hear from you on the subject. We have no arms registered in the Heralds College but have always used 3 bees and a beehive for a crest.

I feel obliged for your assistance and kindness to my Grand son . . .

I remain my dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. L. GWATKIN.

[The reason I suggest "Cornwall" may be a mistake for Covghoell (Crickhowell) is that my father thinks Cornwall a mistake and in the ancient writing the two may be confused. We do not seem to have any earlier deed than that dated 1616, but the Rev^d. Richard GWATKIN quotes one of 15 Queen Eliz.—E.M.G.]

Rev. Thomas GWATKIN, 1839—

Thomas GWATKIN, his eldest son, born 1839, married Anne, second daughter of Henry GRAVES, Esq^{re}, of Gutter Lane, London, and The Cottage, Ilford, Essex.

Abstract of the will of James GRAVES (will and Codicil made in 1828).

James GRAVES of 2 George's Place, Holloway, parish of St Mary, Islington, Mid^{sex} Gentleman, after providing for funeral and testamentary expenses bequeathed to his son James, of Ilford, Essex, one shilling. To Benjamin HASLAM & his wife Helen, to Robert RATHILL & his wife Isabella all his two leasehold tenements, cottages, land, garden, etc., Nos 1 & 2, George's Place aforesaid, now respectively in the occupation of myself & M^r. James BLAKE (? BLAKIE) to have as tenants in common and not as joint tenants. To George & Thomas THORPE leasehold property, No 12 George's Place, as tenants in common; leasehold & freehold property to his son John GRAVES, who is to be sole executor, & to his grandsons, Henry, Frederick, James & Charles, sons of James GRAVES, his shares & interest in the Grantham Canal C^o.

Will proved July 1829.

Prayer book, published 1731:

"Isabella GRAVES/book, etc. 1752.
etc.

"John GRAVES was born Jan. y^e 30th 1739.

"James (I) was born June y^e 24. 1744.

"Ellen GRAVES."

Registers of S^t Mary's, Islington:

James (I) GRAVES was buried on Aug. 30. 1828 aged 84. of George's Place.

Officiating Minister, Rev^d. J. P. ROSE.

James GRAVES (II) is said to have come out of Yorkshire, when he was eleven years old, & to have succeeded his father in business. His father had at least five children, James (II), John, Helen, Isabella, and Mary, who died suddenly.

James GRAVES II. had four sons: Henry, Frederick, James-John and Charles Goodman, and two or three others who died young. He married, in 1799, Sarah, eldest daughter of James GOODMAN, and Anne his wife (*née* MULLINER) of Staverton, Northamptonshire.

London *Directory*, 1833:

GRAVES, James, Cottonbroker, 17 Budge Row, Cannon Street.

GRAVES, Henry & C^o, [Charles,] Manufacturers of Sewing Silks &c., 40 Gutter Lane.

Henry GRAVES, eldest son to James II. married Anne, daughter of Joseph GOODMAN and Anne his wife (*née* PHILIPS), of Staverton, Northamptonshire, and their daughter, Anne, married the Rev^d. T. GWATKIN.

FOWNHOPE VICARS.

A.D.	<i>Patron</i>	<i>Incumbent</i>
1286.	The Bishop (by Lapse)	William de WOTTON.
1299.	Abbot & convent of Lyre	Henry BARUN.
1300.	Sir Robert CHANDOS	Richard DUFFELL.
1349.	The Crown (on account of war)	Robert de EWYAS.
1350.	" "	William de KYNGE.
"	" "	John RILEY.
1392.	The Crown (on account of war)	William TROY.
1435.	The Priory of Shene	John BRAUNSTAN.
1437.	" " " "	Thomas TYLER, on account of non-residence of BRAUN- STAN.
I—	" " " "	John KING.
1526.	" " " "	Christopher WALWYN.
1575.	John SCUDAMORE, Esq.	Henry TANNER.
1580.	William SCUDAMORE, Esq.	Robert HOWSEYS.
1619.	" " " "	Robert GREGORY, <i>d.</i> 1643.

164 . . . 6		Edward JONES.
1662.	Dean & Chapter of Hereford	William SHERBOURNE.
1670.	" " "	Gwalter ROGERS.
1690.	The Bishop (by lapse)	Henry DAVIS.
1696.	Dean and chapter	Robert PHILIPPS.
1723.	" " "	Patricius GORDON.
1730.	" " "	William LANE.
1752.	" " "	John JONES.
1754.	" " "	John EVANS.
1760.	" " "	James BIRT.
1790.	" " "	Hugh MORGAN.
		(United on this occasion with Woolhope, on account, as asserted, of the insuffi- ciency of the revenues to maintain an able minister).
1805.	" " "	Henry FORD.
1813.	" " "	Thomas UNDERWOOD.
1838.	" " "	Canon MATTHEWS.
1840.	" " "	William MUNSEY.
1865.	" " "	Thomas WEST.

SOME INSCRIPTIONS IN FOWNHOPE CHURCH.

Flatstone in chancel:

Robert GREGORY. A.M.

Late Vicar of this Church, died October 8th, 1643.

Frances.

Daughter of . . . STAPYLTON, of the county of Durham, widow
of the Rev^d Robert GREGORY, vicar of this Parish, died Feb. 9. 1665.

Robert GREGORY B.D.

Robertus PHILIPPS.

Hujus Ecclesiæ Vicarius; Abdormivit in Domino

12 die Mar., A.D., 1723. Ætatis Suæ 70.

M^r. W^m. PHILIPPS,

Eldest son of Rev. R. PHILLIPPS, formerly vicar of this parish

Died September 23rd 1735, aged 37.

Ann

His wife, died March 23rd 1773, aged 82.

The Chantry: flat stones (now buried under tiles):

Francis GWATKIN. 1697.

Francis his son 1714.

Susanna his wife 1730.

Mary, wife of Thomas GWATKIN 1707.

(Duncumb's *History*, p. 352, Vol. II, Part I. 1812).

East end of South aisle:

(Hoc quasi pignis amoris et pietatis parentum memoriæ) monumentum exegit Jacobus KIDLEY filius et heres Johannis KIDLEY, hujus parochiæ, generosi, Et Elizabethæ uxoris ejus ex antiquâ familiâ Johannis MEAD, in Comitatu Essexiæ oriundæ.

Hic } obiit { Feb. 1, 1718.
Illa } { Jan. 26, 1701.

Inscription in Fawley Chapel:

Ann

The daughter of Richard RIDEOUT, by Ann his wife
Departed May 23rd, A.D. 1725 [? 1735], aged 15 weeks and 3 days.

The two following wills explain the reason why I have noted this inscription to Ann RIDEOUT, also this note from Duncumb's *History*, Vol. II, Part II, p. 364.

How Capel Registers:

1731. M^r Richard RIDEOUT, of Fownhope and M^{rs} Hannah GWATKIN of Brampton Abbots, married.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

Book I. Fo. 425.

(Abstract of Will.)

1668, September 2.

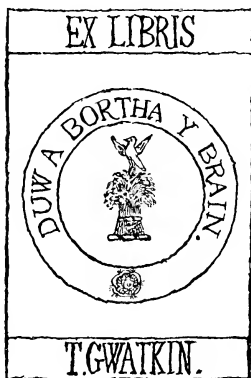
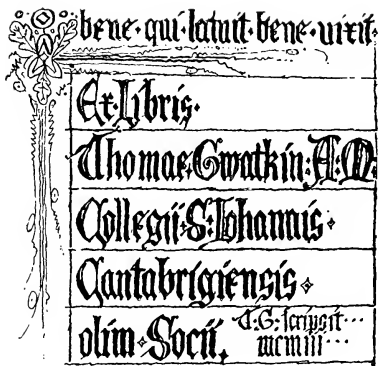
In the Name of God, Amen. I, Richard GWATKIN of Brampton Abbots, co. Hereford, yeoman. . . I give to Anne my wife all my lands in Brampton for life, foure oxen and fourscore sheepe, &c. To my sonne Richard one yoke of oxen the one called Scarlett and the other Tayle, &c. The farm that I had at Noverend in Brampton and one cowe called Primrose. To my daughter Anne the wife of Richard WEAVER £5. To Alice her daughter £5. To my sister Alice PHILLIPPS 10s. All the rest of my goods I give to my daughter Mary, sole executrix. My brother Robert PROSSER and my sonne Richard WEAVER to be overseers.

In witness whereof, &c.

Richard GWATKIN his marke.

Witnesses, Richard WEAVER, Robert PROSSER, John CROOKE.

Proved at Leominster 23 October 1668, by the executrix named.



BOOKPLATES

Designed about 1903, by the Revd Thomas Gwatkin, M.A. (1839-).

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

Book 29, Folio 254.

(Abstract of Will.)

1736, April 15.

I, Richard GWATKIN of Brampton Abbots, co. Hereford, gent. Whereas by Indenture 1 August, 1719, made between me and Mary my wife, James PRICHARD, gent., and Richard JONES, distiller, and by a fine all my freehold messuages, &c., were settled to the uses therein recited. I give to my daughter Hannah, now wife of Richard RIDEOUT, gent., the messuage, &c., called the Croft now in possession of John PRICHARD lying in Linton and Aston, co. Hereford. Indentures 22 November 1718 between me and Mary my wife, Richard HILL, gent., the said PRICHARD and JONES, Elizabeth SARJEANT, widow, my daughter, then Elizabeth GWATKIN, spinster, and Thomas SARJEANT, in consideration of a marriage between the said Elizabeth and Thomas. I give to my grandson Richard SARJEANT, and my granddaughter Elizabeth SARJEANT £300. Indentures 15 August 1716, between William SPARRY, grocer, and Margaret his wife, and Thomas SPARRY their son, and Mary my daughter, now wife of the said Thomas SPARRY, and George MANN and Richard GRIFFITHS (both since deceased). I give to George MANN of Ross, co. Hereford, glover, eldest son and heir of the said George MANN, all my copyhold houses, &c. in the manor of Ross Forren, co. Hereford. To my daughter Lettice, wife of James PRICE, clerk, £5. To my sister Alice GWATKIN £10 a year. All other my goods, &c., to my said wife, sole executrix.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) Richard GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Anne GRIFFITHS, Margt. MYND, W. MYND.

Proved 21 August 1738, by the executrix named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

Book 32, Folio 165.

(Abstract of Will.)

1744, February 6.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Mary GWATKIN of Brampton Abbots, co. Hereford, widow. . . . I give to my daughter Mary, wife of Thomas SPARRY of Ross, gentleman, £20. To my two grand-dau'rs Margaret and Mary SPARRY £20 apiece at 21. Whereas my late husband Richard GWATKIN did by his will devise estate in the manor of Ross Forren, co. Hereford, to the use of my said daughter's Marriage Settlement. To my daughter Lettice, the wife of James PRICE, clerk, £30. To my

grand-daughter Elizabeth SERJEANT £80 at 21. To my grandsons John and Richard SERJEANT £10 apiece at 21. The rest of my linnen, furniture, &c., to my daughter Hannah, the wife of Richard RIDEOUT, gentleman. To my grand-son Richard RIDEOUT £10 at 21. To Richard JONES of Ross, distiller, and Richard OSBORNE of the same, haberdasher of hatts, £100 upon trust for my said daughter Hannah, and after her decease to my grand-daughter Mary RIDEOUT, daughter of the said Hannah. To said Richard JONES, James PRICE and Richard RIDEOUT of Little Fawley, gentleman, £20, in trust for my grand-daughter Anne, the wife of John PENDLEBURY, and £50 in trust for her son John Sparry PENDLEBURY. To my kinswoman Anne GWATKIN, spinster, £10. All my bills, bonds, &c., to my daughters Elizabeth SERJEANT, widow, and Hannah RIDEOUT (joint executrixes), they to pay an annuity of £7 to Alice GWATKIN, spinster, sister of my late husband Richard GWATKIN. Money due to me by mortgage on Mr. GWILLIM's estate at King's Cuple (of which I am now in possession). In testimony whereof, &c.

The mark of Mary GWATKYN

Witnesses, the mark of Mary BIRD, the mark of James CLARK, W. MYND.

Proved at Hereford 3 Oct. 1747, by the executrixes named.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 11 ALEXANDER.

(Abstract of Will.)

1771, November 2. William GWATKIN.

This is the last Will and Testament of William GWATKIN, of Dewsall, co. Hereford, gentleman.

I give my messuage, farm lands, &c., called the Ridd in the parish of Much Dewchurch to my wife Isabella for life and after her decease to my brother John GWATKIN. All other my messuages, lands, &c., I give to my nephew William SKYRME, in trust for my wife and to pay my two sisters Elizabeth WATKINS and Joyce SKYRME 3s. weekly for life. To my two sisters Mary WILCOX, widow, and Ann, the wife of Thomas MAYOS, £50 apiece, and to my two nieces Elizabeth GWATKIN and Jane GWATKIN, daughters of my said brother John GWATKIN, £100 apiece, and to my nephew Thomas GWATKIN, son of my sister MAYOS by her former husband, £100, and to my niece Eleanor WILCOX £50. To John HOOPER of Much Marcle, yeoman, £300. Walter, William and John MAYOS, sons of my said sister Anne. I appoint the said William SKYRME sole executor.

In witness, &c.

(Signed) Wm. GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Ja. WOODHOUSE, Jno. PRICE, Thos. FIELD.

Proved at London 27 January 1775 by the executor named.



NASH HILL, above Fownhope, Herefordshire.

Painted by F. L. W., October, 1913.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 40, FOLIO 200.

(Abstract of Will.)

1774, November 25.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, John GWATKIN of Bridstow, co. Hereford, yeoman. I give to my brother-in-law Jonathan SMITH of Bridstow, yeoman, and my brother-in-law Thomas MAYO of Monkhall in the parish of Much Dewchurch, yeoman, my messuage, &c., called the Ridde in Much Dewchurch and lands, &c., to the use of my wife Elizabeth for life and after her decease to my daughters Elizabeth GWATKIN and Jane GWATKIN and my kinsman John MAYO of the Monkhall aforesaid. My lands called Priors Meadows held of the Bishop of Gloucester. My nephew John WILCOX. To my said wife all my goods, &c., as covenanted by Articles of Agreement previous to my marriage and I appoint her sole executrix. In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) John GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Ann WALLIS, Jonathan SMITH of Hildesley, J. KEYSE.

Proved at Hereford 2 March 1778, by the executrix named.

The Gwatkins of Pencoyd

THE "REYNOLDS" GWATKINS.

This line has a pedigree in FOSTER'S *Family Records*, in which it is stated that they descend from Thomas GWATKIN (d. 1702) and Mary (ADDIS) his wife.

I venture to point out that I think the two following wills—1706 and 1739—will prove that this is a mistake. It is true, as they shew, that John GWATKIN of Bristol had a brother Thomas, but he cannot have been identical with Thomas, the son of Thomas GWATKIN and Mary (*née* ADDIS) his wife, for their son Thomas, born in 1681, survived until 1762; whereas, as these wills tell, Thomas GWATKIN of Bristol, brother to John of Bristol, made his will in 1706, and must have died before 15th October 1717, when it was proved.

I have somewhere seen it suggested that John GWATKIN of Bristol was identical with John, son of Arthur GWATKIN of Fownhope, but for my part, I still think they are the brothers John (b. 1676) and Thomas (b. 1681)—note the date—sons of William GWATKIN, and Dorothy his wife, of Netherton in Pencoyd, whose daughter Elizabeth is plainly the lady mentioned in Dr. COVE'S letter.

PENCOYD PARISH REGISTERS.

Thomas GWATKIN and Katherine HOPKIN were married 16 Jan. 1568.

John BRACE and Anna GWATKIN were married 11 Jan. 1575.

Richard GWATKIN of Netherton buried 19th February 1592.

William GWATKIN and John BRACE, gardianes (*sic*).

John SCUDAMORE, curatem.

Juliana, w. of Ricus GWATKIN lately desc. bur. 25th Jan. 1602.

Richard PHILIPS and Alice GWATKIN married 25th May 1630.

Mary, w. of William GWATKIN of Lanwarne buried 29 Mar. 1662.

Sarah w. of Richard GWATKIN bur. 20 Aug. 1666.

Walter GWATKIN Bur. 10 March 1671.

Richard GWATKIN of Llangarren bur. in cemeterio de Pencoyd, 7 Apr. 1677.

Thomas GWATKIN and Elizabeth WILCOX both of this p: by John COOPER Cu^r: were married 30th July 1789.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

ORIGINAL WILL.

(Abstract.)

[1592.] November 20, 35 Elizabeth.

To all Xpian people to whom this present wryting shall come

Richard GWATKINS of Pencoyde, co. Hereford, yeoman, sendeth greetinge in our lord god everlastinge. Know ye that I . . . in consideraçon of the naturall love and affection wth I beare towards Elizabeth GWATKYNs my daughter . . . give unto her all my goods, chattells, howshold stuffe, &c., whatsoever . . . as well wth in the parish of Pencoyde aforesaid as elsewhere within the realme of England. To have, &c., for ever. . .

In witness whereof, &c.

[Not signed.]

[No witnesses; no note of probate.]

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

ORIGINAL WILL, No. 19.

(Abstract.)

1639, April 16.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Anne GWATKIN of Nethertowne in the parish of Pencoyd, co. Hereford, widow. I give to the parish church of Pencoyd iiij^s Unto the children of Evan BEVAN of Pencoyd one half bushell of rye. Unto Alles PARTRIDGE, widow, Anne HOPKIN, spinster, Joan VAUGHAN, widow (small bequests of rye, &c.). To Anne GWATKIN my daughter one feather bedd, linnen, &c. To Richard GWATKIN my sonne one feather bedd, sheets, &c. To William GWATKIN my sonne, two flock bedds, &c. The rest of all my bedding, furniture, &c., I give to Margery GWATKIN and Joyce GWATKIN my daughters, equally. Unto Elizabeth PARLOR, wydow, my daughter 40s. Unto William GWATKIN my grandchild one two yeares old heyfer. Unto Richard GWATKIN my grandchild fower sheepe. To Anne GWATKIN my grandchild one paire of Tere of hampen sheetes and fowre sheepe. Unto Alles GWATKIN of Hentland, spinster, one half bushell of rye. To Thomas LEWYS my servant iiij^s The rest of all my goods, &c., I give to Richard GWATKIN, Anne GWATKIN, Margery GWATKIN and Joyce GWATKIN my children equally. The said Richard GWATKIN, sole executor.

In witness whereof, &c.

The mark of Anne GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Eli TOMPKINS, Tho. MORSE, Thomas SEYMORS X marke.

Proved 6 June 1642 by the executor named.

Inventory lxxxvj^{lii}. xv^s. vj^d.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

Book 2. Fo. 495.

(Abstract of Will.)

1671, July 4.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, William GWATKIN of Pencoyd, co.

Hereford, yeoman, being somewhat infirme in body. . . . I give to my son Richard GWATKIN £10. To my son Edward GWATKIN all those parcells of land which I lately had by conveyance bearing date 20 May 1670 from Thomas BRACE and Margaret his wife in mortgage for £54. I give unto my son and heir apparent William GWATKIN the moyety of my lands called the Hills in the parish of Lanwarn . . . the other moyety to Elianor my wife for life. . . . All other my goods, &c., to my wife Elianor, sole executrix.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) William GWATKIN.

Witnesses, John HOPKINS, Jo. ROGERS.

Proved at Leominster 31 May 1672, by the executrix named.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 189 WHITFIELD.

(Abstract of Will.)

1706, March 29. Tm̃ Thomae GWATKIN.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Thomas GWATKIN of the city of Bristol, wine-cooper, being bound to sea. . . . All my goods and chattels wares, merchandises, sum and sums of money and personal estate whatsoever I give unto my brother John GWATKIN of Bristol, sope boyler, and I do make and appoint him full and sole executor.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) Thomas GWATKIN.

Witnesses, John PACKER, Sam. PRIGG.

Proved at London 15 October 1717, by the executor named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

Book 22. Fo. 301.

(Abstract of Will.)

1723. October 26.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, William GWATKIN of Nethertowne in the parish of Pencoid, co. Hereford, gent. I give my freehold messuages, etc., unto my loving wife Martha GWATKIN and to my eldest son William GWATKIN, they to provide for my two younger sons Peter and John during their apprenticeshipps, and for my daughter Martha till her age of 18 yeares, and to educate my youngest son Edmond GWATKIN till the age of 15 and place him out apprentice. The residue to my said wife and eldest son William equally, joint executors.

In witness whereof, &c.

William GWATKIN his marke.

Witnesses, Tho. HOPKINS, John HALL, Js COLLINS.

Proved at Hereford 14 December 1723, by the executors named.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 152 HENCHMAN.
(Abstract of Will.)

1739, June 12. John GWATKIN.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, John GWATKIN of the city of Bristol, soapmaker. First I give to my daughters Sarah, Mary and Susannah GWATKIN £1,000 apiece. Of my stock in trade I give one sixth part to my son Edward GWATKIN and the remaining five-sixth parts to my wife Rachael GWATKIN, and all my shares in the Glass-house in the parish of St. Phillip and St. Jacob, and my messuage, &c., in Christmas Street in the parish of St John Baptist, Bristol, now in the occupation of William STIDSTON which I hold by lease from Charles HOLDER, Esq., and Hesther his late wife. My now dwelling house on the Key. To my daughter Rachell, the wife of Mr. John DEVERELL, £200. The residue to my said wife, sole executrix.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) John GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Fra. FREEMAN, Will^m. FIELD.

Proved at London 12 July 1739, by the executrix named.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 426 SIMPSON.
(Abstract of Will.)

1763, December 24. Edward GWATKIN.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Edward GWATKIN of the city of Bristol, sopemaker. My dear wife, my father Robert LOVELL, my good friend William BERROW and — my executors in trust. I leave to my dear wife my dwelling house in Orchard Street, all my household goods, jewels, coach and coach horses, &c., and £2,000. To my three sisters Rachel DEVERELL, Sarah and Mary GWATKIN fifty pounds each. To my sons John GWATKIN £3,000, Edward GWATKIN £3,000, Thomas GWATKIN £3,000. To my daughter Charlotte Ann GWATKIN £3,000. I leave £50 to the parish of St Stephen's and £50 to the parish of St Augustine's, to the Infirmary £100. The residue to my son Robert LOVELL GWATKIN at 21. To my godson William BERROW £1,000. As witness my hand, &c.

(Signed) Ed^{wd}. GWATKIN.

[No Witnesses.]

On 15 November 1764 Stephen WHITE and John COGHLAN, merchants, both of Bristol, depose to the testator's handwriting.

Proved at London 23 November 1764, by Ann GWATKIN, widow, the relict, and the other executors named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 50. FOLIO 107.

(Abstract of Will.)

1812, August 20.

Elizabeth GWATKIN, wife of Thomas GWATKIN of Pencoyd, co. Hereford, yeoman. Whereas by indenture of settlement upon my marriage 29 & 30 April 1789, I am enabled to dispose of messuages, &c. called the Partridges Nest and the Marsh, the first in the parish of St. Weonard's and now in the possⁿ of Michael JONES as tenant, the second in the Parish of Pencoid and now in the possⁿ of the said Thomas GWATKIN, I devise the same to my said husband for life, and after his decease to Benjamin GWATKIN, son of John GWATKIN of Kentchurch, paying £13 a year to my cousins Mary WILKINSON and Elizabeth WINSTONE, and £12 a year to Catherine BIGGS, daughter of Francis BIGGS of Harewoods End Common in Pencoid. The said Mary WILKINSON late of Gunsmills, co. Gloucester. The said Elizabeth WINSTONE now or late of Taunton, co., Somerset, Spinster. An indenture dated 16 June last, made between me and my said husband and John BENNETT of Harewood, farmer. I devise my messuage, &c., called Bluhensstone in the parishes of Llanwarn, Much Birch and Little Birch, formerly in the occupation of John SYER and now of Charles MEDMORE, to the said Benjamin GWATKIN. My said husband, Thomas GWATKIN, sole executor.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) Elizabeth GWATKIN.

Codicil: Whereas . . . in case Benjamin GWATKIN (son of John GWATKIN of Kentchurch) should not reside with his uncle Thomas GWATKIN my husband, the devise to him made in my said will shall be null and void . . .

In witness whereof, &c., 20 August 1812 (Signed) Elizabeth GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Wm. PALMER, Walter PALMER, Thos. A. WILLIAMS.

Proved at Hereford 4 Dec. 1813, by the executor named.

The Gwatkins of Ballingham.

From the Scudamore MSS. at Holme Lacy.

1620, 17 April.

18 Jas. I. Arnold GWATKIN and others to William SCUDAMORE the (?) conveyance of an orchard and close of land in Ballingham.

1630, 11 May. 6 Chas. I.

Samuel GWATKIN to William SCUDAMORE of Ballingham Esq^{re}. Feoffment of part of a close of pasture in Ballingham.

The above notes were given to the Revd. Thomas GWATKIN (1839-) by Henry Graves BULL, M.D., of Hereford (first cousin to both my maternal grandparents, they being first cousins). Dr. BULL was one of the editors of *The Herefordshire Pomona*, and in that work wrote a life of "Lord SCUDAMORE of Holme Lacy," and so, no doubt, came across these notes when preparing his own work.—E. M. G.

Notes from the Ballingham Parish Registers:

1613, A.D.

Thomas GWATKIN, who is described as "clericus," and as discharging the duty of priest of this parish (*hac parochia sacerdotis munere fungens*) for 20 years (not distinct, it may be "30") was buried (*sepultus erat*) 13th day of August.

1614.

In this year there is another entry in connection with a Thomas GWATKINS "clericus" who was buried (*sepultus fuit*) 24th day of July.

1649.

Arnoldus GWATKIN was buried 4th day of June.

1652.

Matilda GWATKIN, a widow (*vidua*), was buried 28th day of February. Note—After the word (*vidua*) the words "Thomæ GWATKINS, clericus" are struck out in ink and "vidua" is placed above the line.

FOSTER's *London Marriage Licences*. 1512-1869.

1635.

Arnold GWATKIN & Ann SPURR of the city of Westminster, widow. 19 Dec. (Dean & Chapter of Westminster).

The Gwatkins of Sellack and Baysham

From the Parish Registers of Sellack, co. Hereford.

1619. Johi GWATKINE gen. sepultus est. quarto die m̃cij anno super-
d̃co.
1622. John GWATKINE de Capella regis et Sibilla Au . . NY matrimonio
conjuncti sunt vicessimo die July anno predicto.
1641. Walter GWATKINS was buried the 25th April an: predicto.
1664. M^{rs} Grace GWATKYN. Virgin of fourscore and some yeares of
age, was buried April xi.
1673. John GWATKYN Joann PHILPOTS both of Hentland were mar-
ryed Ffeb. the first.
1673. Edward GWATKYN of Worcester, and Elizabeth MORSE of
Llanwarn were married July 21.
1677 or 79. Thomas GWATKYN of fflownhope and Mary ADIS of
Brampton Abbots married ffeb.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 35 WOODHALL.

(Abstract of Will.)

1600, February 17, 43 Elizabeth. T. Johannis GWATKINE.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, John GWATKINE of Baysham, co. Hereford, gent., being sicke in bodie Item I give to the Cathedrall church of Hereford 3s. 4d. Towards the reparacions of the parishe church of Selleck 2/- I devise all my messuages . . . goods, etc., in Basham, Sellicke, Foy and Bridstowe . . . to John GWATKIN my sonne and heir apparaunte, and his heires male and for want of such to William GWATKIN my second sonne, and his heires male and for want of such to Nicholas GWATKIN my third sonne, &c. Elizabeth my wife shall have sufficient meate, drinke, lodginge, etc. I give to Grace GWATKIN my daughter one hundred markes. To Anne GWATKIN my daughter one hundred markes. To Jane GWATKIN my daughter one hundred markes. To Marie GWATKIN my daughter one hundred markes. To William GWATKIN my sonne the annuitie which I have yssuinge out of the Mannor and landes of Tretyre, late in the tenure of James SCUDAMORE, gent., deceased To Phillipp GWATKIN my brother £10 given him by the will of John GWATKIN my father deceased. I appoint my said son John GWATKIN sole executor. My frendes William HARPER of Childestone, gent., Thomas GUILLIM of Fawley, gent., John HARPER of Childestone, the yonger, gent., and John GERY of Hereford to be overseers.

In witness whereof, &c.

By me John GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Rowland SCUDAMORE, Anthonie INGRAM, Nicholas HARPER, William VICKERS marke.

Proved at London 6 May 1601, by Thomas ILES, notary public, proctor for John GWATKINE the son, the executor named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

Book 2. Fo. 275.
(Abstract of Will.)

1670. September 17.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Sible GWATKIN of King's Cuple, co. Hereford, widow I give to the three children of Richard ROBASON and Joane his wife £10. To Alice the wife of Thomas KNIGHT 40/- &c. To Mary KNIGHT, spinster, one hogg pigg. To Robert FURNEY one doulas shirt of 3/- the ell. To the 4 daughters of William NOUSE of King's Cuple, yeoman, 40/- All the rest of my goods, &c., I give to Thomas MARRETT of King's Cuple, whom I do make my executor.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) Sible GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Wm. NOURSE, Frances MARRETT, the marke of Sarah NOURSE.

Proved at Leominster 10 March 1670/71, by the executor named.

[This is no doubt the Sibilla who married John GWATKINE of King's Cuple in 1622.]

"In 1538, the manor of Tretyre belonged to Thomas BASKERVILLE, who settled it upon his adopted son, Walter BASKERVILLE, its possessor in 1551. But, in 1579, Thomas BASKERVILLE released the manor to James SCUDAMORE, son of William SCUDAMORE of Ballingham."

"From the abstracts of Ballingham title deeds (*penes* Sir E. Scudamore STANHOPE) it appears that the SCUDAMORES had an earlier interest in Tretyre, for in 1564-5, John SCUDAMORE granted a rent-charge out of the manor to John GWATKIN; and in 1572, Christopher SCUDAMORE and Hugh SCUDAMORE, gents., brothers to John SCUDAMORE of Kentchurch, granted a release to James SCUDAMORE, their brother, of the manor of Tretyre *alias* Reedhyre, all lands etc., in Wormelow hundred of which the said James was "seized or possessed."

ROBINSON's *Mansions and Manors of Herefordshire*.

ExtraCts from the "SCUDAMORE MSS." Copied by Dr Henry BULL of Hereford, for the Rev^d T. GWATKIN:

1563, August 10th 5 Eliz.

John SCUDAMORE of Kentchurch Esq^{re} and James SCUDAMORE of Bolton, gent., to John GWATKYNs. Arbitration bonds respecting the

manor of Tretyre and the advowson of the Church of Tretyre and Michaelchurch and all lands and tenements there or sometime parcel of the said manor (and 3 other deeds with same parties and premises the same year).

1564-5, 20th March, 6 Eliz.

John SCUDAMORE of Kentchurch and John GWATKYNs. Grant of rent charge out of Manor of Tretyre *alias* Retyre.

1578, 5th June. 19 Eliz.

James SCUDAMORE of Tretyre gent. and John GWATKIN. Award relating to Manor of Tretyre and divers hereditaments in Tretyre and Michaelchurch.

Notes from ROBINSON's *Mansions and Manors of Herefordshire*, p. 248.

Sellack, included within the great manor of Wormelow, is supposed to derive its name from S^t Teseliachus, to whose honour the church is dedicated. It appears from the obit of Ralph de MAYDSTONE, Bishop of Hereford 1234-1239, that there was also a church at Baysham, a hamlet in the parish appropriated by that prelate to the chapter of Hereford. No trace of the building can now be found, and Baysham court, occupied by Thomas DUCKHAM, is a modern farmhouse. The estate was purchased in 1619 by Rowland SCUDAMORE (brother of Sir John SCUDAMORE of Holme Lacy), from John GWATKIN and Joan his wife.

DUNCUMB's *Hereford*:

"John GWATKIN and Joan his wife sold estate containing Baysham Court. (*See* under Sellack.)

In MS. Records and Deeds at Holm Lacy (S^{ir} E. SCUDAMORE-STANHOPE's) are these entries:

1614, April, 12 Jac. I.

John Watkins, gent., and Joan his wife, to Rowland SCUDAMORE Esq. of Cradock. Bargain and sale in fee enrolled lands in Sellack.

1616, Nov. 9. 14 Jac. I.

John GWATKIN to Rowland SCUDAMORE. Feoffment of a parcel of land in Sellack, called the Pied acre.

1619, Apr. 23rd. 17 Jac. I.

John GWATKIN, gent., and Johan his wife, to Rowland SCUDAMORE of Cradock, Esq. The estate farm of Baysham & lands in the parishes of Sellack, Hentland, Bridstow & Foy.

1623, July 24th, 21 Jac. I.

William Aubrey and Johan, late wife of John GWATKIN. Release of mortgage in Sellack to Rowland SCUDAMORE Esq^{re}.

John GWATKIN.

Sir Richard WALWYN died in 1578; his son Richard died Jan. 1589, and after his death, on the usual inquiry held by the Escheator, John BALLARD, as to the lands held of the Crown on the day of his death, by knight-service, the jurors were—

Rowland BURGHILL, Esq.

William SCUDAMORE, gent.

Peter ELTON.

Thomas LECHMERE.

Walter MEEK.

Richard UNETT.

William BENNETT.

James RAVENHILL.

John GWATKIN.

Edward WINNIATT.

John HINTON.

John PHILPOTTS.

Edward TARNER.

Richard WATKINS.

Cooke's DUNCUMB's *History of Herefordshire*, vol. III, p. 16.

William GWATKIN.

WEBB's *History of the Civil War in Herefordshire*.

1642, I. 96.

"It appears that one William GWATKIN petitioned the Commons about this time, and that William HILL, and Humphrey DICARY, the under-sheriff, were sent for in consequence."

The Gwatkins of Llangarran.

From *Memorials of the Civil War in Herefordshire*, by Rev^d John Webb. (I. 29, 30.)

"Of their loyalty the Roman Catholics gave indisputable proofs throughout the trial In Herefordshire they promptly and liberally lent their aid. The records of sale and sequestration in the cases of recusant Royalists present the names of
GWATKIN of Llangarran.

[and others].

Notes from the Parish Registers of Llangarran, Herefordshire:
Anno Dom 1589, 7 die Novembris, baptizatus fuit* Carolus filius
Walteri GWATKINE.

Anno Dom 1591, 11^o die Aprilis, baptizatus fuit Carolus filius Walteri
GWATKINE.

Anno Dom * 1589, decimo Septimo die mensis Novembris, sepultus
fuit Charolus filius Wateri GWATKINE.

Anno Dom 1597, Elizabetha filia Walteri GWATKIN sep fuit.

Anno Dom 1600, Bridget, filia Walteri GWATKINE. Sep. fuit. Jan. 24.

Anno Dom 1602, Rogerus, filius Walteri GWATKINE. Sep fuit Octobris
octavo die.

Anno Dom 1626, Carolus GWATKIN sepultus fuit 22 die Martii
anno supra dict.

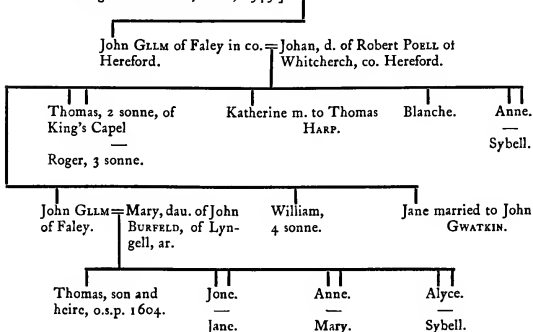
The Pencoyd Registers give:

1677, April 7, Richard GWATKIN of Llangarran, in cemeterio de Pen-
coyd [buried].

From the Heralds' *Visitation of Herefordshire*, 1569.

Guillem.

Davied GLLM, of Lison [Lewson in =
Llangarren. Lusson, Harl., 1545.]



Gwatkins Unidentified.

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, SERIES II. 63/15.

FOSTER *v.* GWATKIN.

(Abstract.)

A.D. 1566, —.

Humbly complayning, &c., your orator Thomas FOSTER. That whereas one Thomas FOSTER the elder, father unto your orator, was lawfully seised of a messuage and xxx acres of land in King's Caple, co. Hereford, and died of such estate thereof seised, by and after whose death the said messuage, &c., descended and came unto your orator as son and next heir. So it is that divers deeds concerning the said messuage, &c., by casual meanes have come into the hands and possession of William GWATKIN *alias* WATKYN and Johan his wife who by reason of having possessed themselves of the same have wrongfully entered into three acres of said land and have expelled your orator to his loss and hinderance and will not deliver unto your orator the said deeds, &c. May it therefor please your Lordshipp that a writ of subpœna be directed to the said William GWATKYN *alias* WATKIN and Johan his wife, &c.

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, CHARLES I. 61/123.

GWATKINE *v.* SCUDAMORE

(Abstract.)

c. 1625-1649.

The Rejoynder of William SCUDAMORE Esq., William PHELLPOTTS, clerk, Mathew SPONGHE and John BULLARD, gent., defendants, to the Replication of William GWATKINE, gent., complainant. The defendants do further say they will maintain and justify and prove their said answer and that everything therein contained to be just and true and further say that the Replication is untrue and insufficient in the law, &c.

[No place, or any further information concerning plaintiff given.]

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 7. SKYNNER.

(Abstract of Will.)

1626, December 12. T. Willimi GWATKINS.

In the Name of God, Amen. The last will and testament of William GWATKINS of Thornebury, co. Glouc., gent. . . . My bodie to be interred in the Chancell of the parishe Church of Thorneburie. I

give to my daughter Dorotheie, wife to Moore HILL, that tenement which Richard ATWELLS of Thornebury, gent., holdeth of me in Hope in the parish of Thornebury, and tithe corne & hay in Rangeworthie and Fafield w^{ch} belong to the Rectory of Thornebury My sonne in lawe Edward THURSTON. To my daughter Anne GWATKINS that tenement which Thomas TAYLER, husband, holdeth of me in Hope. To Elizabeth DYER, daughter to Elizabeth DYER my daughter, that tenement William PEARCE, husband, holdeth of me in Hope, and lands which Nicholas POWER and John OLLYVER holdeth of me in Hope and Buckover. My lands in Tiltfield in Thorneburie which I purchased of John HILP, gent., I give to my daughter Anne and £50 if she marry William RUSSELL of Rockhampton, yeoman, and not otherwise. To my daughter Judith THURSTON the profits of the rectory and parsonage of Thornebury with tithe of corne & hay in the parks of Morlewood, Estwood and New Parke. My tenement in the tenure of Edward HIGGINS, yeoman, in Hope remainder to Jane THURSTON, daughter to the said Judith. My daughter Judith to have the use of all my plate. To Joane HILL, daughter to Dorathy HILL, £5. All the rest of my goodes, etc., I give to Jane THURSTON, daughter of Edward THURSTON, my sonne in lawe, and Elizabeth DYER, daughter of William DYER, my sonne in lawe, whome I make my sole executors. I appointe the Right Worshipfull my hono^{ble} good freind S^r Robert POINTS, knight, Arthur COLWILL, gent., John LIMBRICKE, gent., and Edward THURSTON, my sonne in lawe my overseers. In witness whereof, &c. William GWATKINS his marke.

Witnesses, Peter HAWKSWORTH, William MALLETT his marke, Moore HILL, On 23 January 1627/7 issued a commission to Edward THURSTON one of the overseers named in the will, to administer the goods, &c., during the minority of the executrixes named.

Proved 27 May 1637 by Elizabeth DYER one of the executrixes named, power reserved for Jane THURSTON the other; the letters of administration granted 23 January 1626/7 to Edward THURSTON being brought in and revoked.

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, CHARLES I. G. 26/4.

GWATKIN v. NORTH.

(Abstract.)

1628, November 7.

Humble complayning, &c., your orator William GWATKYN of London, gent. That whereas about 23 December, 2 Charles I. (1626) your orator at the request of one Robert BRISCOE brother in lawe of your orator became bound unto one William NORTH under penalty of £40 for the payment of £24 unto the said William NORTH

who knowing that your orator had a competent meanes of his owne estate to live on about the time aforesaid both he and Ruth his wife treated with your orator that said Robert BRISCOE might become apprentice unto said William NORTH who pretended he was a proctor in the Archbishop's Court of Canterbury and Freeman of the City of London. That if your orator would enter into Bond for payment of £24 he would not only guide and maintain the said Robert BRISCOE with sufficient food, lodging, &c., during his apprenticeship and instruct him in the Science and practise of a Proctor but would make him a Freeman of the City of London. Whereupon your orator became bound unto the said William NORTH in said sum and paid him £9 part of the sum mentioned. That your orator is now informed that the said William NORTH is neither a Proctor in the said Archbishop's Court nor is he a Freeman of the City of London, nor can he take any apprentices whereby to make them free of the said City. Therefor said William NORTH ought to repay unto your orator the £9 of him received as aforesaid, &c.

The answer of William NORTH and Ruth his wife. [Mentions Robert BRISCOE's sister, wife of complainant William GWATKIN, but does not give her Christian name.]

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

ORIGINAL WILL. No. 131.

(Abstract.)

1637, October 17.

Memorandum that John GWATKIN of Redby in the parish of Much Dewchurch, co. Hereford, gent., did publish his last Will, &c., in manner and forme followinge Hee did give unto his sonne Walter GWATKIN his greate cheste and three silver spoones with postell heades and his table borde in the halle, &c. Unto Johan his daughter one diaper tablecloth and a joyned cheste. Unto Marye his daughter one pott and as for the reste of all his goodes after his funerall expenses being discharged he did give the same to be equally divided betweene his three daughters Anne, Johan and Marye He did make his said son Walter to be his sole and only executor.

Witnesses hereunto, John GWATKIN, sen^r, John GWATKIN.

Proved 28 October 1637, by the executor named.

Inventory lxiiij^{li}. xvj^s. viij^d.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 6 BOWYER.

(Abstract of Will.)

1651, January 13.

Memorandum. That Hugh GWATKIN late of the Parish of St.

Bridgett otherwise Bride, Fleet Street, London, whilst he lived and was in perfect mind and memory and especially upon Tuesday the 13th day of January 1651 with a serious purpose to settle and dispose of his estate did make and declare his last will and Testament by word of mouth as followeth: I will that my estate be divided into three parts according to the custome of the City of London whereof I give one-third part to Elizabeth GWATKIN my wife, one third part I give to my seaven children unmarried and the other third part I give and bequeath to and amongst my said children unmarried to be equally divided amongst them part and part alike only out of the said last third part I give to my daughter Elizabeth HAXHAM [? FLAXHAM, CLAXHAM; in the margin below it looks more like CLAXHAM] twentie shillings and to her husband Thomas HAXHAM ten shillings and my mind and will is that if any of my seaven children unmarried shall depart this life before their severall and respective ages of 21 years or day of marriage that when the part or portion of him or her so dying shall come, be, and remain to Elizabeth my wife and I do desire and appoint my brother Thomas GWATKIN and my loving friend Ralph GALE [?]; to be overseers [?] of this my Will desiring them to see the same performed. The said Hugh GWATKIN did declare his said Will and mind in words to the like effect in the presence of creditable witnesses, Thomas GWATKIN, Thomas GWATKIN [twice repeated] William [illegible].

On May 25 1654 Letters of Admo'n were granted to Elizabeth CLAXHAM the lawfull daughter. [The addition to original entry recording this is too pale and illegible to transcribe.—A.B.]

If one compares this will with the following one will see the doubtful name CLAXHAM or FLAXHAM is evidently CLAPHAM.—E.M.G.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 186 BOWYER.
(Abstract of Will.)

1652, July 23. The Wyll of Elizabeth GWATKINS.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Elizabeth GWATKINS of St Bride's, London, wyddow estate due unto me out of the estate of Hugh GWATKINS my late husband deceased. Imprimis I give to my sonne Thomas GWATKINS £5. To my daughter CLAPHAM 40/- To Elizabeth CLAPHAM my grandchild three pounds. Item I give to my sonne in lawe Tho. CLAPHAM 20/- To the child I now goe withall tenn pounds. The rest of all my goodes, &c., I wholly give to my five younger children, viz^t William, Mary, Jane, Hanna, and Sarah and ye childe or

children I now goe withall, equally. I make my loving brother in law Thomas GWATKINS, hatmaker, sole executor. My friends Ralph GALE and Thomas ALMOND my brother, overseers.

In witness whereof, &c., (Signed) Elizabeth GWATKINS.

Witnesses, John EWYNS, Ralph GALE.

Administration (with will annexed) 30 September 1652 to Elizabeth CLAPHAM, the daughter; the executors renouncing.

[The name is clearly CLAPHAM.—G.S.]

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 1. FOLIO 77.

(Abstract of Will.)

1662, June 4.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, William HIGGS of Littell Birch, co. Hereford, clerke, I give to my sonne William HIGGS my messuage, &c., purchased of William GYNNY and lands which I purchased of one Richard GWATKIN, Thomas GWATKIN, John GWATKIN, Hugh GWATKIN and also James GWATKIN, deceased in Littell Birch. To my daughter Elizabeth BERROWE 20/- To William WILLIM and Mary WILLIM my grandchildren 10/- each. To John GWATKIN my neighbour 10/- Said son William HIGGS sole executor. In witness, &c.

(Signed) William HIGGS.

Witnesses, John GWILLYM, James WILLIAMS, the marke of Thomas WEAVER, John ROGERS.

Proved at Leominster 28 July 1664, by the Executor named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 1. Fo. 417.

(Abstract of Will.)

1667, November 30.

Memorandum that Alice GWATKIN of Little Birch, co. Hereford, widow, deceased,, did utter and declare these words following or the like in effect (viz) she said I do give and bequeath unto Alice my daughter the bed whereon I lye with all the furniture thereunto belonging, One flaxen sheet, one pewter platter, one brasse candlestick And I doe give unto Alice WILLIAMS my grandchild one flaxen sheet, one pewter platter and one brasse candlestick. Unto my daughter Catherine one payre of sheets. Unto my sonne Henry one bedsteed, one coffer, one paire of quearne stones and some other old things at the Hill. To John my eldest sonne all those goods which were his principalls and my said son John should dispose of all other my goods

whatsoever according to his discretion. All which words she did speak and publish with an intent the same should stand and bee her last Will and testament Nuncupative in the presence and hearing of
(Signed) Elizabeth WILLIAMS, Alice WILLIAMS.

On 2 Oct. 1668 a commission issued to John GWATKIN the son of the deceased to administer the goods, &c., for that no executor is named.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 58 LLOYD.
(Abstract of Will.)

1685, January 21.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Thomas GWATKINS of London, hat-maker, being of sound mind and perfect memory, thanks bee to God though weake in body, doe make constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament as followeth. Imprimis I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God hoping for salvation through the meritts of my Blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, my Body I resigne to the earth to bee interred at the discretion of my Executor, and as for those my worldly goods with which it hath pleased God to intrust me I give and bequeath to my uncle John GWATKINS of the Parish of St. Bride's London, hatmaker, in satisfaction of the charges and reliefe I have had from him in my long sicknesse And I do hereby constitute and appoint him Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereto sett my hand and seale this One and twentieth day of January 1685. (Signed) Thomas GWATKINS.

Witnesses, Dan: Fox, Edward WEBB, Anthony WALKER.

Proved at London, May 1686 by the executor named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

Book 8. Fo. 116.
(Abstract of Will.)

1685, December 22.

In the Name of God, Amen. Henry GWATKIN of Much Dewchurch co. Hereford, yeoman. I give my houses and land in the parish of Little Birch unto my two sisters Elizabeth WILLIAMS & Catharine GARDNER, paying my now wife £3 a year for life. I appoint my now wife Alice to be my sole executrix. I give unto Elizabeth HARRIS £5. My executor to pay unto John GUNNIE *alias* KING £8, five pounds being due for wages. Unto Margery, daughter of William HARRIS £2. Unto William HARRIS's three children the younger £2. Unto Elizabeth WILLIAMS my sister my part of corne which I sowed to halves with her. Unto my sister Catherine GARDNER five bushell of rye. Alice WILLIAMS

my kinswoman. The residue to my wife. Robert VEARIE and Richard PEARING to be my overseers. To Edward GWILLIM 5/- To Elizabeth, daughter of William HARRIS my second brass pott at Little Birch.

The marke of Henry GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Will HARRIS, the marke of John GUNNIE, Edward GWILLIM.
Proved at Hereford 4 February 1685/6, by the executrix named.

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, BEFORE 1714.

BRIDGES 161/26.

GWATKIN v. SCUDAMORE.

(Abstract.)

1692, December 10.

John GWATKIN of Clehunger, co. Hereford, yeoman. That whereas Sir John SCUDAMORE late of Ballingham, co. Hereford, K.B., and Bart., deceased, about April 1676, paid your orator, being his servant, the yearly wages of £5, during which time your orator lent him the sum of £46. 7. 6. And your orator continued to serve the said Sir John until his death about 22 August 1684, after which letters of administration were granted unto his relict Dame Margaret SCUDAMORE, now of Madley, co. Hereford, who did transfer the said admo'n to the management and trust of Sir Barnabas SCUDAMORE, now of Ballingham, Bart., brother of said Sir John, who said he would faithfully pay all the debts of the said Sir John. Whereupon the said Sir Barnabas took upon himself the administration and possessed himself of the goods, &c., of Robert SCUDAMORE, late of Stoke, co. Hereford, clerk, deceased. But now the said Sir Barnabas doth intend to deceive and defraud your orator of said debt due as aforesaid.

(No answer filled herewith.)

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 14. FOLIO 93.

(Abstract of Will.)

1703, May 4.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Anne GWATKIN of the Grove in the parish of Much Dew Church, co. Hereford, widow, being infirm in body I give to my grandson John GWATKIN of the Grove, £5. To my granddaughter Anne GWATKIN of the Grove £3. To my two granddaughters Elizabeth GWATKIN and Benedicta GWATKIN of the Grove 30/- apiece, money now in the hands of my kinsman John DAVIES of Backton. To my grand children the sons and dau'rs of my sons Thomas GWATKIN, Morice GWATKIN and John GWATKIN, late of

the Grove, deceased, £85 mentioned in an Indenture of Lease 1 October, 14 Charles II., between Walter PYE of the Mynd, co. Hereford, Esq., and Roger PYE his brother, gent., on the one part, and John GWATKIN of Rivernoll, said county, yeoman, on the other part, equally to be divided. The residue to my daughter in law Elizabeth GWATKIN, sole executrix.

The mark of Anne GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Margaret COWLES, John DAVIS, Titus NEVE.

Proved at Hereford 5 June 1703, by the executrix named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 14. FOLIO 231.

(Abstract of Will.)

1703, July 21.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Richard GWATKIN of Ross, co. Hereford, yeoman, being aged and weak I give unto my son Philip GWATKIN my messuage, &c., wherein my son-in-law Richard JONES now dwelleth in Ross in a street there called the Brookend at a place in the said street called the Knapp, paying to my daughter Alice £25. To said son Philip two dishes of pewter that were given him when he was baptized and desire him if he happen to die unmarried to give the said messuage unto his sisters Anne the wife of Richard JONES and Alice GWATKIN to be equally divided. To my daughter Anne JONES £5. To Elizabeth my loving wife the residue. My son Philip to be sole executor.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) Richard GWATKIN.

Witnesses, William MAN, Edward SERJEANT, John DREW.

Proved 13 January 1704/5 by the executor named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 15. FOLIO 109.

(Abstract of Will.)

1706, July 28.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, John GWATKIN of Ridby in the parish of Much Dewchurch, co. Hereford, being sick in body, &c. I give unto William, son of Edward LORRIMER of Rockfield, co. Monmouth, a lease of lands made by Sir Walter PYE of the Mynd, knight, unto Walter GWATKIN of Ridby, bearing date 3 May 1658, after the decease of Susan my now wife. Unto Susan TRAPPIN, daughter of Richard WILLIM £1. To Walter GWATKIN my brother one shilling. Unto Valentine RAWLINS, minister, whom I do desier should preach

my funerall sermon in this parish church 10/- The residue to Susan my now wife, sole executrix.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) John GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Edward WILLIM his marke, John WEBB his marke, Val. RAWLINS.

Proved at Hereford 22 October 1706, by the Executrix named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

Book 18. FOLIO 2.

(Abstract of Will.)

1709, November 22.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Susan GWATKIN of Ribbey in the parish of Much Dewchurch, co. Hereford, widow. I give unto my brother George WILLIM his grandchildren as hereafter nominated, to Susan ATKYNS £10, &c., John ATKYNS £10, &c., Anne ATKYNS £10, &c., George ATKYNS £5, &c., Elizabeth ATKYNS £5, &c., Thomas ATKYNS £5, &c., Mary ATKYNS £5, &c., and Jane ATKYNS £5, &c. To Susan TRAPPIN, daughter of my brother Richard WILLIM £5. The rest of my goods, &c., I give to my trusty and well beloved friend Thomas GWATKIN the elder of Much Dewchurch, whom I make my sole and only executor.

In witness whereof, &c.

Susan GWATKIN her mark.

Witnesses, James WILLIAMS, Val. RAWLINS.

Proved at Hereford 8 March 1711/2, by Thomas GWATKIN, husband of the deceased (at the time of her death) and executor named.

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, BEFORE 1714.

BRIDGES 243/31.

GWATKIN *v.* WILLIM.

(Abstract.)

1712, May 20.

Thomas GWATKIN the elder, of Much Dewchurch, co. Hereford, *versus* Edward WILLIM, Thomas WATKINS and Susan his wife.

That whereas Susan GWATKIN, late of Ribby in Much Dewchurch, being a widow and under a treaty of marriage with your orator about 22 November 1709 came to an agreement thereabouts to make a will before her marriage with your orator who was appointed her executor. That the said will was dated 22 November 1709. After the making of the said will the said marriage took effect between your orator and the said Susan GWATKIN and during the Coverture she the said Susan de-

livered £30 of her own money to Edward WILLIAM or WYLLYM of Lanwarne, co. Hereford, cordwainer, her brother or brother in law, who afterwards lent the same on bond to William JONES Esq., in the name of Susan WYLLYM the daughter of said Edward and who was your orator's wife's niece, since married to and now wife of Thomas WATKINS of Kilbeck, co. Hereford. But now see it is the said Edward WILLIAM, Thomas WATKINS and Susan his wife and William JONES have contrived to defraud your orator of the said bond and refuse to deliver the same.

Answers of Edward WILLIAM, Thomas WATKINS and Susan his wife. That they did not know there was any such marriage agreement made nor any such will and testament. At to the sum of £30 the defendant Edward WILLIAM saith the said Susan GWATKIN was heretofore married to John GWATKIN her first husband, deceased, and that she would receive only the interest of the £30 during her life and said Susan WATKINS should after her death receive both principall and interest to her own use.

Bond dated 10 January 1704 for £60 to the use of said defendant Susan WATKINS then Susan WILLIAM of Lanwarne, spinster, since which said John GWATKIN died.

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 127 BROWNING.

(Abstract of Will.)

1716, January 18. Tm. Johannis GWATKINS.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, John GWATKINS of the Benjamin East India Ship being in good health of Body, &c. After all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I give all my real and personal estate unto my loving friend Hanah HARDING, wife of Henry HARDINGE of London, martiner, and I appoint her sole executrix.

(Signed) John GWATKINS.

Witnesses, James BALLEULKE, Geo. TULLARTON, Thomas BOLDOCK.

Proved at London 23 July 1719, by Hannah HARDING (wife of Henry HARDING) the executrix named.

[Testator "of St. Michael's, Crooked Lane, London, but in the ship 'Benjamin,' a bachelor, deceased," *vide* Probate Act Book, folio 138.]

IN THE PRINCIPAL PROBATE REGISTRY, LONDON.

P.C.C. 179 MARLBORO.

(Abstract of Will.)

1716, May 14. Tm. Johannis GWATKIN.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, John GWATKIN of Ratcliffe in the

parish of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, co. Middlesex, mariner, now outward bound to sea I give, &c., unto my well-beloved wife Elianor GWATKIN, her heirs, &c., all my lands, &c., whatsoever, and all my wages, goods, debts, wares, merchandizes, chattels, &c., and appoint her full and sole executrix.

In testimony whereof, &c.

(Signed) John GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Thomas BEVEIS, Wm. BENNETT, Thomas QUILTER,
Not^y Pubq.

Proved at London 13 September 1722, by the executrix named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 28. FOLIO 124.

(Abstract of Will.)

1733, September 22.

I, Alice GWATKIN of Hentland, co. Hereford, widow. I give £130 to my esteemed Thomas MYND of Kinaston in the parish of Hentland, gent., upon trust to pay my daughter Mary the now wife of Thomas HARRIS of Woolhope, weaver, the yearly interest, and her sons John, Phillip, Peter and Thomas HARRIS at their ages of 21, and to Mary and Rebecca HARRIS her two daughters at 21, and my daughter Elizabeth, now wife of William PEARCE of Hentland, carpenter, and her two daughters Susan and Mary PEARCE at 21 and Thomas PEARCE their brother at 21. To my said daughter Elizabeth PEARCE all the rest of my goods, &c., sole executrix.

In witness whereof, &c.

The mark of Alice GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Will. MOORE, att., W. MYND.

Proved at Hereford 27 July 1734, by the executrix named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 32. FOLIO 276.

(Abstract of Will.)

1747, October 5.

I, Thomas GWATKIN of the parish of Much Dewchurch do here make my last Will, &c. I give to my daughter An TULLEY 10/- To my daughter Mary 10/- To my daughter Shusan £10. And I give and bequeath to my wife all Bills, Bonds, and Mony and Mortgages that I shall dye possess of with the House and Lands called by the Name of the Cherry Trees in the parish of Allensmore. And here I ordain and appoint my son Thomas to be my whole and sole executor.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) Thomas GATKIN.

Witnesses, James HALL, Joyce FOOT, Elizabeth HALL.

Proved at Hereford 24 February 1748 by the executor named.

THE GWATKINS OF HEREFORDSHIRE

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 33. FOLIO 49.

(Abstract of Will).

1750, August 18.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Thomas GWATKIN of Much Dewchurch, co. Hereford I give to my son Thomas the house and lands called the Cherry Trees in Allensmore, and £40. I appoint John WILCOX of Callow and William GWATKIN of Dewall to be in trust as guardians until he attain 21. To my three sisters Ann TULLY, Shusan FISHER and Mary JONES £10 each. The residue to my beloved wife Anne GWATKIN, sole executrix.

In witness whereof, etc.

(Signed) Tho^s GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Mary TAYLOR, John WILLCOX, William GWATKIN.

Proved at Hereford 15 December 1750 by the executrix named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 33. FOLIO 297.

(Abstract of Will.)

1753, March 21.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Martha GWATKIN of Yarkhill, co. Hereford, widow. I give to my grandson Edmund GWATKIN and my granddaughters Martha and Mary GWATKIN, son and daughters of my son Edmund GWATKIN, £50. [sundry household goods, &c.] The residue to my said son Edmund GWATKIN, sole executor.

In witness whereof, &c.

(Signed) Martha GWATKIN.

Witnesses, J. HOLMES, Ann SANDFORD.

Proved at Hereford 20 September 1754, by the executor named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 39. FOLIO 118.

(Abstract of Will.)

1762, September 27.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, John GWATKIN of Kilpeck, co. Hereford, yeoman. I give all my messuage, &c., called the Three Chimneys situate in Arcop, co. Hereford, and now in the possession of Thomas WILLIAMS unto my dear and loving mother Elizabeth WILLIAMS for her life and after to my two sisters Ann and Mary WILLIAMS. To the said Ann and Mary all my interest in a messuage, &c., in Kilpeck called the Merry Vale, subject to the life estate of my

mother under any settlement made by my grandfather John GWATKIN on the marriage of my late father Joseph GWATKIN, deceased, with my said mother, I being the only issue of that marriage. I appoint my said sisters joint executrixes and give all my goods, &c., to my said mother Elizabeth WILLIAMS.

In witness whereof, &c. (Signed) John GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Walter PRICE, William GWATKIN, Tho. JENKINSON.

Proved at Hereford 15 November 1773, by Ann, wife of Thomas MEDMORE (formerly Ann WILLIAMS) one of the executrixes; power reserved for Mary WILLIAMS.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

BOOK 36. FOLIO 346.

(Abstract of Will.)

1765, April 27.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, John GWATKIN of the Grove in the parish of Much Dewchurch, co. Hereford, First I will and bequeath to my dear wife all the goods and furniture which she brought with her to be disposed of as she thinks proper. All the rest of my goods all my real and personal estate I leave and bequeath to Aristarchus MERRICK of Treebaudy in the parish of Marston, co. Hereford, and John Cook of Hillesley in the parish of Ross, yeoman, in trust for my wife, 50/- a year to be paid to my daughter Benedicta GWATKIN and after the decease of my wife the monies produced from the sale of my goods and estates to be equally divided betwixt my daughter Benedicta GWATKIN and all my grandchildren. The said trustees I appoint executors. (Signed) John GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Ro. SIMPKINSON, John HARRIS, Ed. PARRY.

Proved at Hereford 21 October 1765, by the executors named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD

BOOK 40. FOLIO 268.

(Abstract of Will.)

1777, July 11.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Benedicta GWATKIN of Little Dewchurch, co. Hereford, spinster. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Much Dewchurch. I give to my four nieces Sarah, Hester, Benedicta and Margaret, daughters of my sister Mary the wife of Thomas FEWTRELL, one shilling each. The residue to my niece Mary, the wife of John SAYSELL, whom I appoint sole executrix.

In witness whereof, &c. The mark of Benedicta GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Jno. HUGHES, Ann POWELL.

Proved at Hereford 27 November 1778, by the executrix named.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

Book 49. Fo. 275.
(Abstract of Will.)

1811, December 16.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Thomas GWATKIN of Orcop, co. Hereford, yeoman. I give all my freehold messuage, &c., in Orcop, now in my own occupation, ready money, household goods, &c., unto Walter MAYOS of Llangarren and James WILLIAMS of Orcop upon trust. To Eleanor PROBERT of Orcop, singlewoman, £200 for life and after her decease to my daughters Lucy GWATKIN and my natural daughter Jemima MAINWARING, and in case of the death of the said Lucy I give her share to her natural son Thomas GWATKIN. To my sons Thomas and Charles £10 each. To my son William in case he return from sea within three months 40/- To my daughter Susan HARRIS £10. To my daughter Nancy BAYNTON £20. To Joseph MAINWARING £10. The residue to my said daughters Lucy and Jemima.

In witness whereof, &c.

The mark of Thomas GWATKIN.

Witnesses, Thomas MEADMORE, John BEVAN, J. F. EVANS.

Proved at Hereford 4 January 1812, by James WILLIAMS; power reserved for Walter MAYOS.

IN HEREFORD PROBATE REGISTRY.

CONSISTORY OF THE DEAN OF HEREFORD.

Book 11. Folio 139.
(Abstract of Will.)

1820, August 19.

Hester GWATKIN of Wood Street in the parish of Allensmoor, co. Hereford, widow. I give to Joseph TULLY of Lower Bullingham, gentleman, my messuage, &c., called the Cherry Trees in Allensmoor, in the occupation of Thomas GUNTER and William THOMAS his under-tenant, and my cottage, &c., called Well tree adjoining in the occupation of Thomas MORGAN to pay the rents, &c., to Mary, wife of Walter PRICE of Wood Street, for life, and after her decease to their son William PRICE. My messuage, &c., called Wood street to the said Joseph TULLY in trust to pay Joseph BARRELL of Allensmoor, £50, to Ann BARRELL his wife £50, to Elizabeth, wife of Thomas BEESON of Handsworth, co. Stafford, daughter of the said Joseph BARRELL £100, to Ann, wife of Thomas HULINGS of Worcester, skinner, £100, to Richard, Sarah, William and Jane, sons and daughters of the said Joseph BARRELL £100 apiece. Said William and Jane BARRELL under 21. To John BULL of Dindor, Hereford, Jane BULL his sister and Ann

DUCKSWORTH their niece £250 between them. To John, Elizabeth, Robert and Susan the sons and daughters of the late John PRICE of the Goosepool in Allensmore £10 apiece. To Mary, widow of the late John FARRINGTON £10, and to Mary RICHARDS her daughter £10. To James BARRELL of All Saints, Hereford, waggoner, and his children, £600. To Walter MAYOS of Llangarren, co. Hereford, £100. To the sons and daughters of James BARRELL late of the Grove in Much Dewchurch by his last wife £100. To the poor of Allensmoor £20. To the said Mary, wife of Walter PRICE, all my household goods. The residue to the said Joseph TULLY, sole executor.

In witness whereof, &c.

Hester GWATKIN X her mark.

Witnesses, Geo. HOOPER, Thos. PRICE, John WILLIAMS.

Proved at Hereford 13 February 1824, by the executor named.

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(Begins 1504.)

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CONSISTORY OF THE DEAN OF HEREFORD.

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(Begins 1625.)

No Calendars before 1660. In Bundles only, not searched. Searched Act Books 1660 to 1707. No GWATKIN found.

PECULIAR OF BULLINGHAM alias BULLINGHOPE.

A.D. 1675 to 1858.

No GWATKIN occurs.

PREBENDAL COURT OF MORETON ON LUGGE.

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No GWATKIN occurs.

PECULIAR OF LITTLE HEREFORD AND ASHFORD CARBONELL.

A.D. 1668 to 1858.

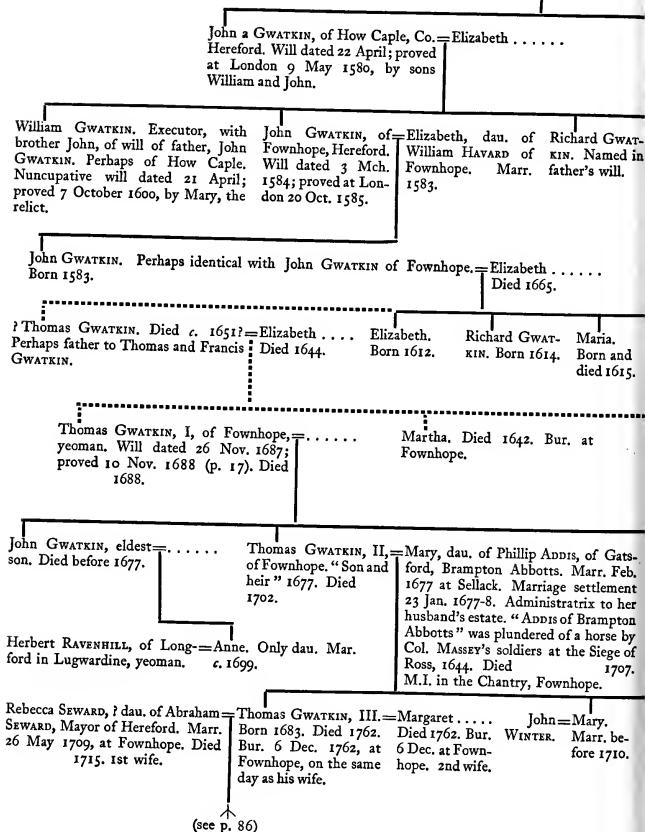
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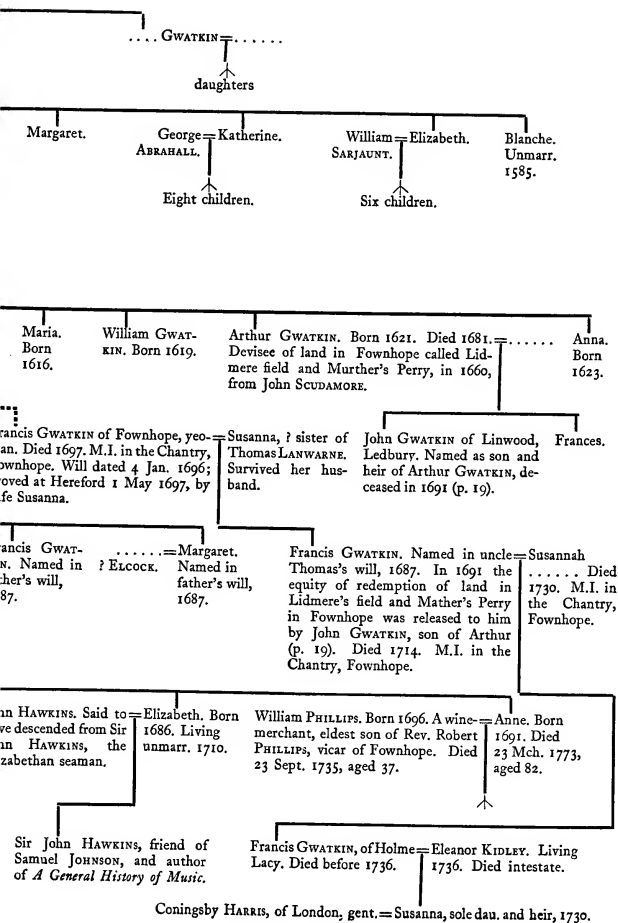
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Gwatkin of Fownhope.

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Rebecca SEWARD. 1st wife. = Thomas GWATKIN, III. (see p. 84). = Margaret 2nd wife.

Thomas GWATKIN, IV. = Rebecca, y. dau. of Rev. Ross James FOOTE, = Rebecca. Bapt. 4 Oct. 1711, at Fownhope. Died 1750. Of Hackney and of Devonshire Square, Bishopsgate, solicitor.

LEY (son of Thomas LEY of St Leonard, Shoreditch. Clerk to the Carpenters' Co.) Rector of St Matthew, Friday Street. Her will "of Bullingham, co. Hereford," dated 13 Oct. 1781; proved 8 Aug. 1792. Born Died

baker, of Hereford. Living 1777. Died 17 s.p. Of Fownhope, widow. Will dated 23 March 1790; codicil 24 Aug. 1794; proved 18 Feb. 1802, by Jane GWATKIN, relict and administratrix of Thos. GWATKIN, clerk.

1. Revd. Thomas GWATKIN, V, of Hereford. Born 1741. Died 19 Oct. 1800. Aged 59. Of Jesus Coll., Oxon., matric. 16 July 1763, aged 21; B.A. 1778; of Christchurch. M.A. 1781. Professor of the Humanities (Mathematics and Natural Philosophy) 1767, at William and Mary College, Virginia. Vicar of Cholsey and Moulsoford, Berks. Bur. at Clehonger. M.I. at Barrow-upon-Soar.

Jane, dau. of John POWLE, of Hereford, and sister of John POWLE, of Wootton-under-Edge, Glouc., surgeon. (Will proved 1783). Died 2 Aug. 1836, aged 86. Bur. at Barrow-upon-Soar, Leic. M.I.

Revd. Richard GWATKIN. Born 17 Sept. 1791 in Hereford. Bapt. at St Owen's, Hereford. Of St John's College, Cambridge, 1810; Senior Wrangler 1814 & 1st Smith's prize-man; Fellow of St John's 1814. B.D., F.G.S., 1827; of Horningsea, Cambs., 1832; Vicar of Barrow-upon-Soar till 1853. Died 14 Oct. 1870, at Torquay, aged 81. Bur. in Upton Churchyard, Torquay.

Anne, dau. of Edward MIDDLETON, and Sarah his wife (*née* BIRD), of Barrow-upon-Soar. Born 9 July 1817. Marr. 22 Jan. 1838, at Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-upon-Soar. Died 18 Jan. 1884. Bur. in Upton churchyard, Torquay, with her husband and sister, Sarah MIDDLETON.

1. Revd. Thomas GWATKIN. Born 31 July 1839, at Barrow-upon-Soar. Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge. Assistant Dulwich College, 1867-9. Second master St Nicholas and St Mary's School, Lancing, Sussex, 1869-72.

Anne, 2nd dau. of Henry GRAVES of Gutter Lane, London, Esq., and of the Cottage, Ilford, Essex, by Anne, his wife, dau. of Joseph GOODMAN of Staverton, Northants, and Anne, his wife, dau. of . . . PHILLIPS. Born 24 Sept. 1834. Marr. 13 Aug. 1861. Died 17 Jan. 1905. Bur. in Mill Road Cemetery, Cambridge.

John Buckley = 2. Jane. Born BRADBURY, M.D. Downing Professor of Medicine at Cambridge. 26 Sept. 1840 at Barrow-upon-Soar.

Thomas Ross = Anne, dau. of Richard GWATKIN. Born BOLSTER, Esq., of Lombardstone House, Co. Lancing, Sussex. Of Ballyteigne House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

Marr. 29 June 1905.

Ellyn Margaret, Born 3 March 1872, at Lancing.

John Henry = Arthur HART, M.A.

Katharine Mary. Born 11 June 1873, at Cambridge. Marr. 24 Sept. 1904.

4 sons.

1. Theophila Margaret. Born 2 July 1903, at Bournemouth.

2. Francis GWATKIN. Born and died 1905.

3. John GWATKIN. Born and died 1906. Bur. at Kintbury.

4. Veronica Catherine. Born 12 Nov. 1908, at Crawley, Sussex.

5. Thomas Ley GWATKIN. Born 22 March 1912 at Crawley, Sussex.

Fownhope—continued.

Richard GWATKIN. Born 24 Dec., Bapt. = Anna, dau. of . . .
 30 Dec. 1712, at Fownhope. Vicar of Allensmore and Clehonger. Died 2 June 1789. M.I. at Allensmore. Of Wadham Coll. Oxford, matric. 14 May 1730, aged 18, as a "son of Thomas G. of Fownhope Co. Hereford, gent.;" B.A. 1733; M.A. 1737; Will dated 16 Dec. 1777; proved 12 June 1789.

John GWATKIN. Bapt. = Arabella, dau. 12 Sept. 1715 at Fown- of PAR-
 hope. Of Salisbury BURY. Born
 Court, Fleet St., 1733.
 London, solicitor. Died
 Died 1785. Will dat. 1816, aged 83.
 20 May 1776; proved
 4 Jan. 1780 (p. 30).

5. Ross GWATKIN. Born 5 Nov.
 1743. "Residing in foreign
 parts," 1777. Went to Seville
 in Spain and died *s.p.*

3. John GWATKIN. Born 1745.
 Died in infancy.

4. Richard GWATKIN. Born
 1746. Died in infancy. Said to
 have been drowned together
 with his brother John.

5. Richard GWATKIN. Born
 1749. Twin with John.

6. John GWATKIN. Born 1749.
 Died 1774. Admon. to his
 mother on behalf of her son
 Thomas. In business with his
 uncle John in Salisbury Court.

7. Revd. Henry Melvill =
 GWATKIN. Born 30 July 1844, at
 Barrow-upon-Soar. Fellow of St
 John's College, Cambridge,
 1868-74; lecturer 1874-91;
 Dixie Professor of Eccl. History
 and Fellow of Emmanuel
 College from 1891; Gifford
 lecturer, Edinburgh, 1904-5.

Lucy de Lisle,
 dau. of the
 Revd. Thomas
 Brock, vicar
 of St John's,
 Guernsey.

Revd. Charles Edward GRAVES,
 M.A. Fellow of St John's
 College, Cambridge, 1863-5,
 and from 1893; lecturer 1866-
 1901; chaplain Magd. Coll.,
 Camb., 1886-94; tutor St John's
 Coll. 1895-1905.

4. Anne
 Hughes.
 Born Feb.
 1846, at
 Barrow-
 upon-Soar.

Clancy de Lisle
 GWATKIN.
 Died young.

Paul de
 Saumarez
 GWATKIN.

Ethel Ruth. Born 24 March 1874.
 Headmistress of Queen Mary's High
 School, Anfield Road, Liverpool.

One son and 4 daus.

Revd. Francis Ley =
 GWATKIN, M.A.
 Born 8 Nov.
 1876, at Cam-
 bridge. Curate
 of Binfield,
 near Bracknell,
 Berks, 1914.

Margaret Catherine, eldest dau.
 of Revd. Arthur William Henry
 EDWARDS, M.A., St Edmund's
 Hall, Oxford, vicar of Kint-
 bury, Berks, and Rural Dean of
 Newbury, and Catherine his
 wife (*née* OLIVER). Marr.
 Sept. 1902.

Edward Arthur GWAT-
 KIN. Born 23 June
 1878, at Cambridge.
 Assumed the name
 GWATKIN-GRAVES.

Amelia Louisa Cather-
 ine, dau. of Henry
 Thomas PALMER, and
 Amelia Sophia, his
 wife. Marr. 27 Dec.
 1902.

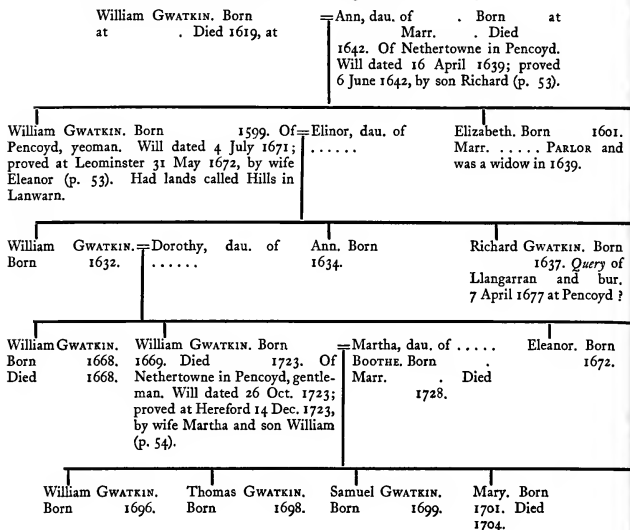
Kathleen Blanche Anne. Born
 5 Sept. 1905. at Norwich.

Viola Joycelyn Marie. Born 8
 July 1914, at Norwich.

Edward Frederic Ross GWAT-
 KIN-GRAVES. Born 14 March
 1909, at Norwich.

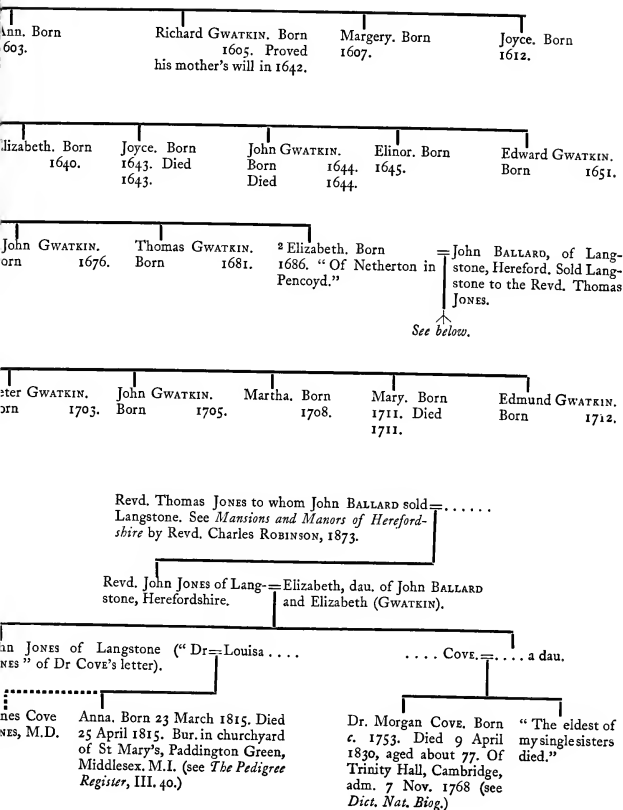
Gwatkin of Pencoyd.

Deduced principally from the Parish Registers of Pencoyd, co. Hereford.



¹ John had a son Edward, and I think it is probably he who is the ancestor of the "Reynolds GWATKINS."

² Elizabeth is no doubt the Elizabeth GWATKIN who married John BALLARD at the end of the seventeenth century. Dr COVE's letter says she was of "Netherton in Pencoyd." Dr Morgan COVE (1753?-1830) wrote several letters after the death of the Revd. Thomas GWATKIN (1741-1800), and took great interest in his son, Richard GWATKIN. These letters are in possession of the Revd. Thos. GWATKIN (1839-).



Gwatkyn of Sellack and Baysham

John GWATKYN of Baysham, co. Hereford.=Joan GUILLIM.

In 1564/5, John SCUDAMORE granted him a rent charge of the manor of Tretyre, co. Hereford. Party in 1578 to an award concerning Tretyre manor and premises in Tretyre and Michaelchurch. Died before 1600. Will dated . . . Mentioned in son John's will.

John GWATKYN, of Bays=Elizabeth . . .
ham, gent. Will dated 17
Feb. 1600; proved 6 May
1601 (see p. 58).

Philipp GWATKYN.
Named in brother John's
will, 1600.

1. John GWATKYN, gent., son and heir. Bur.=Joan.
4 Mch. 1618/9, at Sellack. In 1619 he is said
to have sold estate in Sellack containing Living
in
Baysham Court to Rowland SCUDAMORE, 1623, a
Esq., of Cradock, brother of Sir John widow.
SCUDAMORE of Holm Lacy.

2. William GWATKYN.
To whom his father
left a yearly rent
out of the manor
of Tretyre.

3. Nicholas GWATKYN.

Grace. "Of four-score
and some years of age."
Bur. 11 April 1664, at
Sellack.

Anne.

Jane.

Mary.

Gwatkin of Virginia.

Charles GWATKIN, of Bedford County, Virginia. Died before=..... CALLOWAY.
1820. Probably settled in Virginia end of eighteenth century.

Kitty. Edward GWATKIN. THORPE.= James GWATKIN.=..... OTEY.
1st wife. Died 1820. 2nd wife.

Charles GWATKIN, dry-..... Elizabeth. Richard Catherine. James
goods merchant. In 1850 BLACK- GWATKIN. GWATKIN.
he removed from Bedford FORD.
to Richmond, Virginia.
Died 1867, aged 52.

James GWATKIN. Of New= "My wife is 8th
York in 1887. in descent from ROLPH
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